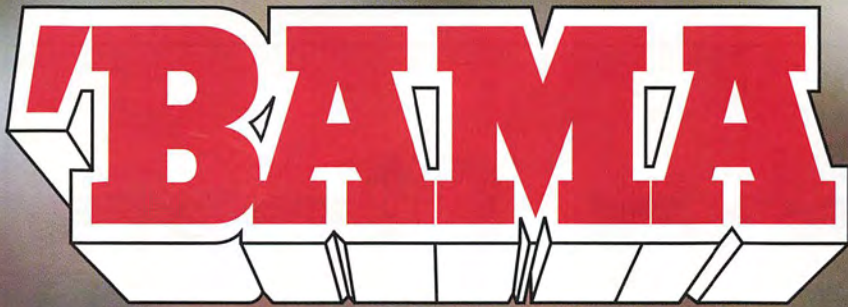




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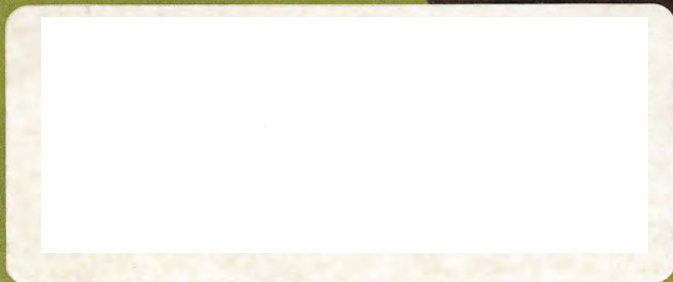
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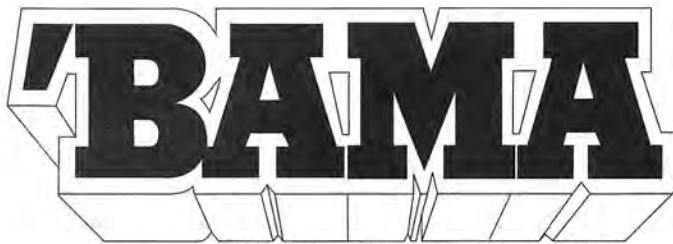


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Can Anyone Fix The NCAA Mess?

Two major revelations regarding the NCAA and Alabama football raise more questions than they answer. The first was that there will be no more penalties against Alabama as a result of a Federal court case in Memphis, site of most of Bama's recent NCAA problems. The second was a blockbuster, that a number of people, including Tennessee Head Football Coach Phil Fulmer, had provided testimony against Alabama that (contrary to NCAA by-law) was not revealed to Alabama during the investigation.

Like cockroaches scurrying from the light, illumination of NCAA tactics against Alabama has staff and committee members desperately seeking refuge.

The letter from Infractions Committee Chairman Tom Yeager to Alabama President Dr. Robert E. Witt was praised by Alabama officials. It said a "reasonable time" for the committee to re-examine the case has elapsed. The committee had previously stated that if new information from proceedings in Memphis became available within a reasonable time the committee had the prerogative to re-open the case.

Parts of the letter would be laughable were it not for the incredible harm done to The University, a cost of millions of dollars and Bama's football program put at a competitive disadvantage for years. The letter referred to the "unintended consequence" of Alabama basically receiving the recruiting disadvantage of schools being able to allege that more penalties would be assessed against the Crimson Tide. This was no more "unintended" than was the infractions committee issuing its original report of charges only days before the 2002 Signing Day after having allowed Alabama to twist in the wind for months. For Yeager to say it was "unintended" serves only to underscore the entire sham of the investigation, "adjudication," and appeals process, so obviously a fix. Were those in charge dumb or corrupt? And as for the "public knowledge," every aspect of the case was made public on internet web sites connected to Tennessee football before The University even was informed.

Yeager was a blusterer when announcing Alabama's penalties, inaccurately describing The University has having been "staring down the barrel of a gun." More recently he was more blubberer than blusterer, whining "he had never set foot in Alabama," as he unsuccessfully attempted to extricate himself from a \$60 million lawsuit filed by Ronnie Cottrell and Ivy Williams against the NCAA and others, including Yeager.

However, no one should credit that lawsuit with having any effect on the NCAA and Yeager issuing the letter. One inside source suggested that, if anything, the lawsuit might have delayed issuance of the letter. Those with a healthy skepticism of NCAA conscious consider the delay unconscionable regardless of circumstances.

More plausible is that the Federal case against former Alabama booster Logan Young in Memphis forced the NCAA to issue the letter. That was the basis of the original determination that Alabama would, indeed, have a gun at its head for as long as the NCAA Infractions Committee wished. While the letter said "a reasonable time" had now passed, what has really changed in favor of The University? Nothing. However, if the NCAA has the feeling that the government's case against Young is not going well, it would seem to benefit the NCAA to save a bit of face by making its announcement before conclusion of that action in Memphis. (That trial is scheduled for April, but is expected to be postponed.)

The letter from Yeager also illuminated a facet of the unscrupulous behavior of the football coaches at Alabama's rival SEC institutions. Those coaches are now outed as liars to the prospects they have been telling, "Alabama is going to get the death penalty."

Meanwhile, it was revealed that the NCAA staff had relied on numerous "confidential sources" to build its case against Alabama. And in the case of Fulmer, it was a source with incentive to harm Bama football.

A delicious irony is that the two legal cases have brought much of this information to light. One of those cases, the \$60 million lawsuit by Cottrell and Williams, was not welcomed by the NCAA. But the NCAA staff seems to have been working hand-in-glove with the United States Attorney in Memphis, attempting to aid in the conviction of Young in an effort to legitimize the NCAA's conviction of Alabama. (How else can the plea bargain of former Memphis High School Coach Lynn Lang including the curious condition of continued cooperation with the NCAA be explained? What could that possibly have to do with a Federal case?)

Young's legal staff was able to obtain the thousands of documents provided to the US Attorney by the NCAA. And in those documents were the extraordinary examples of NCAA staff duplicity. While the NCAA was filing motions to prevent these documents from seeing the light of day in the Cottrell-Williams case, the legal team of the former coaches was able to obtain them, presumably from Young.

While Alabama earned praise for its cooperation in the NCAA investigation of Crimson Tide football, the NCAA documents showed the staff was withholding its reliance on hearsay and/or manufactured "evidence."

Was the NCAA staff upset by these revelations? Well, yes and no. The seediness that was revealed didn't bring any self-recriminations, but the fact that it had been revealed was another matter. An NCAA spokesman named Jeff Howard was quoted by the Associated Press as saying, "The association is very disappointed with the cavalier way documents—including confidential interviews—have been handled by some attorneys involved in these matters. Making such documents public has jeopardized the fair treatment of these coaches and their institutions."

Rest assured Mr. Howard was not talking about fair treatment for Alabama coaches and The University of Alabama. In fact, a high-ranking athletics official not connected to Alabama said that the NCAA's treatment of Alabama "guarantees that no school will ever again cooperate with the Enforcement Staff."

By and large, the "leaks" have come from the NCAA side. During the investigation and penalty phases, news was broken from Tennessee fans in Memphis before University officials were provided information. And since the revelation of possible NCAA staff dirty tricks, various news sources have received assurances that the NCAA did not use confidential source evidence in its conviction of Alabama. Without even arguing the unlikely merits of that claim, consider only that it is yet another leak that could come only from NCAA staff.

Most disturbing is the suggestion that NCAA staff made a tradeoff with Tennessee, that wrong-doing in the Vols' athletics program would be overlooked in exchange for "evidence" of misdeeds by Alabama, not coincidentally Tennessee's most important football rival. How else explain that Wendell Smith (who is also expected to sue the NCAA), who had children at Vanderbilt and Auburn and who only occasionally attended Alabama football games and never donated a nickel to The University, was deemed an Alabama booster. Meanwhile, a Mobile woman who reportedly provided thousands of dollars to Tennessee's quarterback and who was a regular at Tennessee football games and had family members who are Tennessee alumni and who had been identified to the family of the Tennessee quarterback as a supporter of the Vols, was deemed by the NCAA to be not a Tennessee booster?

As if the state of Tennessee had not played enough of a role in Alabama football problems, this year's NCAA Convention was in Nashville. A highlight of that meeting was NCAA President Myles Brand applauding college presidents who had the conviction to fire coaches for inappropriate ethics. In light of the evidence regarding the staff he inherited when he became president, the question becomes will Brand have the courage of his convictions, or was his congratulations more hypocrisy. Will Brand clean out the incompetents and/or corrupt on his staff? History suggests it will be NCAA business as usual.

The analogy of NCAA membership to that of country club membership could not be more inappropriate. For most, there are country club options. In any event, one can have a life without a country club. NCAA membership is absolutely necessary to survival in college athletics. And though it can be argued that the members (universities) make the rules, historic vengeance by NCAA staff is an effective detriment to reform from within.

No legal minds would look at any part of the NCAA procedures—investigation, penalty, appeal—and see anything approaching fairness or intellect.

And that's too bad. Not for Alabama. The harm done to Crimson Tide football can't be undone unless there is an unexpected attack of fairness at NCAA headquarters, reversing penalties that would provide SEC bowl money and, possibly, even restoring some scholarships. The NCAA system is out of control, far more egregious than anything proved against Alabama. For the sake of honesty in organized athletics, a clean-up is essential.

—Kirk McNair

BAMA SCORECARD

Strength Coach Carousel

When Alabama Head Football Coach Mike Shula made his first change in personnel, it was both satisfying and difficult. It was satisfying because he was able to bring in the man he most wanted to handle the Crimson Tide's strength and conditioning program. It was not entirely pleasant, though, because, as Shula said, "When you bring someone in, you also have to let someone go." That someone was the popular and highly-regarded Ben Pollard. And Shula said, "Ben Pollard did a great job for me and a great job for The University."

It was all about getting the man Shula had pledged to hire if he ever had the opportunity. Kent Johnston, who had served as assistant to Al Miller in Bama's weightroom when Shula was a Crimson Tide player, elected to leave his job with the Seattle Seahawks of the National Football League.

An irony was the resulting strength coach carousel. Longtime Texas A&M Strength Coach Mike Clark was hired to replace Johnston at Seattle. And Pollard, who came to Alabama with Dennis Franchione, was reunited with his old boss when he accepted the job replacing Clark in College Station.

Johnston was on the job with Bama football players in the off-season program beginning in mid-January. Early reports were that the players found the regimen very challenging.

Johnston joined the Tide from the Seattle Seahawks where he had been head strength and conditioning coach since January 14, 1999 and recently finished his 23rd year of coaching collegiate and professional athletes in strength, conditioning and nutrition.

No stranger to Alabama football, Johnston was a graduate assistant and then assistant strength coach with the Tide from 1983-86 where he helped develop a number of NFL players.

He originally joined Seahawk Head Coach Mike Holmgren in Green Bay where he served in a similar capacity from 1992-98. One of his primary duties entailed the rehabilitation of injured players, while also serving as a resource for developing nutrition programs that varied for individual players.

A unique aspect of Johnston's conditioning program has been the coordination of karate and yoga classes during the off season to increase both cardiovascular capacity and coordination.

In 1997, Johnston was honored as "Strength and Conditioning Coach of the Year" by the Professional Football Strength and Conditioning Coaches' Society.

Prior to joining the Packers, Johnston spent five years (1987-91) in the weight room of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, where he was hired by then Head Coach Ray Perkins.

Johnston began his coaching career at Teague High School in Texas (1978) before

entering the collegiate ranks at Northwestern (Louisiana) (1979). He spent two years at Northeast Louisiana (1980-81) and one year at Willis High in Texas (1982) before joining the Crimson Tide staff.

A graduate of Stephen F. Austin where he played defensive back, Johnston earned his master's degree in physical education from Alabama in 1984.

Born February 21, 1956, in Mexia, Texas, Kent and his wife, Pam, have four sons.

Football Lettermen

A total of 66 Alabama football players earned varsity letters for their participation in the 2003 football season. Head Coach Mike Shula announced the following:

Senior lettermen were Dennis Alexander, John Paul Bevel, Jonathan Brunson, Donald Clarke, Nathan Cox, Brandon Dean, Zach Fletcher, Will Fountain, Dre Fulgham, Gabe Giardina, Brandon Greer, Mitch Grissett, Ted Gryska, Atlas Herrion, Charles Jones, Matt Lomax, Triandos Luke, Roberto McBride, Nautyn McKay-Loesch, Derrick Pope, Nick Ridings, Kyle Robinson, David Scott, David Simmons, Lance Taylor, Leslie Williams, and Shaud Williams.

While the senior list includes some who did not play a great deal, remaining lettermen earned their monograms with game performance. It also includes at least four who will not return in 2004—quarterback Brandon Avalos, who has transferred to Shelton State Community College to play baseball; and defensive end Antwan Odom, offensive guard Justin Smiley, and defensive tackle Ahmad Childress, who have decided to enter the NFL draft. The non-senior lettermen are:

Mark Anderson, Carlos Andrews, Brandon Avalos, Brian Bostick, Wesley Britt, Brandon Brooks, Anthony Bryant, Tim Castille, David Cavan, Ahmad Childress, Jeremy Clark, J.B. Closner, Brodie Croyle, Kenneth Darby, Bo Freeland, Juwan Garth, Roman Harper, Ray Hudson, Chris James, Clint Johnston, Terrence Jones, Dominic Lee, LeRon McClain, Greg McLain, Anthony Madison, Danny Martz, Evan Mathis, Matt Miller, Antwan Odom, Spencer Pennington, Charlie Peprah, Tyrone Prothro, Freddie Roach, Ramzee Robinson, DeMeco Ryans, Justin Smiley, Josh Smith, Kyle Tatum and Thurman Ward.

Baseball Adds Three

The 32nd-ranked Alabama baseball team had 33 players when The University broke for Christmas. When the squad reassembled in January to begin preparation for Coach Jim Wells' 10th Bama season, there were three new faces among the players.

The additions are sophomore catcher David Ferazza (6-2, 200, Redwood City, California), sophomore right-handed pitcher Tyler Meigs (6-6, 244, Bowden, Georgia),

and junior infielder Rocky Scelfo (6-1, 185, Youngsville, Louisiana).

Ferazza played the 2003 season at American River College in Sacramento, California, where he batted .333 (45-for-135) with two home runs and 28 runs batted. He helped the Beavers to a 28-18 record as they advanced to the Northern California Playoffs. He was an honorable mention All-Northern California selection after his freshman season. Ferazza was selected in the 49th round of the 2003 draft by the New York Yankees.

Meigs played one season at Young Harris Junior College in Georgia. He missed the 2003 season while recovering from Tommy John surgery. As a freshman in 2002, Meigs posted a 6-0 record with six saves. He fired two complete-game victories and threw a no-hitter against Roane State. In 61 innings, he recorded 74 strikeouts.

Scelfo spent the 2003 season at Chipola Junior College in Marianna, Florida, where he was a teammate of Tide outfielder Matt Grooms. In his lone season at Chipola, Scelfo batted .390 with three home runs, 37 RBI and 10 stolen bases. A first-team All-Panhandle Conference selection, Scelfo helped Chipola to a 31-12-1 record and 2003 Panhandle Conference championship. He signed originally with LSU and batted .269 with two home runs and 10 RBI in 42 games with the Tigers as a redshirt freshman in 2002.

Season tickets are also available through the Alabama Athletic Ticket Office by calling (205) 348-2262.

Softball Is Sixth

The Alabama softball team of Coach Patrick Murphy will open 2004 one spot higher than where the Crimson Tide finished the 2003 season. Last year Bama was something of a surprise in making it to the College World Series and finishing seventh in the nation. This year the Tide, which returns all but two starters from last season, is ranked sixth in the pre-season poll announced by ESPN.com and USA Softball.

A high ranking is not new to Alabama softball. Although a relatively young program, the Crimson Tide has been very successful. Alabama was ranked fifth in the National Fastpitch Coaches Association poll in 2001.

UCLA is ranked first in the nation going into this season, followed by California, Arizona, Oklahoma, Washington, Alabama, Michigan, Nebraska, Louisiana Lafayette and Georgia.

Kretschman An Olympian

Although former Alabama All-America Kelly Kretschman was a part of the United States team that won the Gold Medal in softball at the 2000 Olympic Games, she has moved up a notch as the team prepares to

defend that title at the 2004 Olympic Games. In 2000 Kretschman was an alternate and made the trip to Sydney, Australia, but did not play. This year she was selected as one of the 15 players who will represent America in Athens, Greece.

The 5-6 outfielder led the 2003 USA Softball Elite team to the Canada Cup gold medal title and a sweep of Olympic bronze medalist Australia in the Pacific Challenge.

Kretschman, a four-time All-America while at Alabama, has her name written all over the Crimson Tide and SEC softball record books. She helped lead the Crimson Tide to its first appearance at the Women's College World Series in the 2000 season.

Kretschman also became the first softball player from the SEC to make the Olympic team.

Ironically, her first game as a member of the Olympic team will come in Palm Springs against the very same Crimson Tide program she helped elevate to one of the top programs in the country. Alabama travels to the Palm Springs Classic on February 20-22 where it will take on some of the top teams in the country along with the top team in the world.

Golf Adds Assistant

Susan Rosenstiel, a former collegiate golfer at Tennessee and Florida, has been named assistant women's golf coach at Alabama. Rosenstiel brings a variety of golf experience to the program, having worked as an assistant golf professional and golf instructor for several years. She spent last year out of golf and in private business.

"I am excited to have Susan joining my staff," said Betty Palmer, in her 15th season at the helm of the Alabama women's golf program. "She was an excellent collegiate player and also has a strong background in teaching."

Rosenstiel, formerly Susan Conger, began her collegiate playing career at Tennessee playing two seasons (1992-94) for the Lady Vols. She then transferred to Florida where she finished her playing career with two seasons (1994-97) as a Lady Gator. During her stay at Florida, Rosenstiel earned Academic All-America. She has a master's degree in exercise and sports sciences, sports management in 1999.

While working on her master's Rosenstiel spent time working for Florida's College of Health and Human Performance as a golf and weight instructor and also worked as an assistant to Florida's senior women's administrator. After her graduation, she worked as an assistant golf pro at the Tradition Golf Club in Royal Palm Beach, Florida, as well as at Turtle Point Yacht and Country Club in Killen.

Great Start

When Alabama won the Super Six Challenge, it was the highest season-opening score in the history of Bama gymnastics. The Crimson Tide, NCAA Runner-up last year, won the season opening Super Six Challenge in Coleman Coliseum with a 196.725, going nearly a point better than second place

Florida's 195.950. It was the best opening night score in school history. It also marks the third time in the five year history of the Challenge that Alabama has posted the top score.

Georgia finished third with a 195.550, Oklahoma fourth at 195.275, Oregon State fifth at 193.775, and Denver sixth at 193.600.

The Tide's score put Bama in second place in the nation in the first poll. In gymnastics, early polls are based strictly on high score. Utah was number one with a 197.350. Alabama had been third in the pre-season poll.

Honor For Sterner

At this year's NCAA convention in Nashville, a highlight is the NCAA Honors Banquet. And one of those honored was former Alabama gymnast Kristin Sterner. The two-time captain of the Crimson Tide received her NCAA Top VIII Award during the star-studded evening.

Fellow Alabama alumnus Reece Davis, now a broadcaster with ESPN, was master of ceremonies for the event. In introducing the NCAA Top VIII, Davis noted there are 360,000 student-athletes involved in NCAA athletics every year and that those eight being honored were the best of the best. "You've heard of the 'Elite Eight' in the NCAA basketball tournament? These men and women are the real 'Elite Eight'," Davis said sweeping his arm toward the honorees.

The Top VIII included fellow SEC student-athlete Mississippi quarterback Eli Manning.

University of Alabama President Dr. Robert E. Witt presented Sterner with her plaque. Athletics Director Mal Moore, Coach Sarah Patterson, and Assistant Coaches David Patterson, and Bryan Raschilla, and Faculty Athletics Representative Joe Hornsby among those in attendance.

Sterner was honored for her achievements in athletics and academics and her citizenship.

First All-America

Alabama has had many All-America performers, but there had never been one mentioned in volleyball until the completion of the NCAA Final Four in late December. Alabama junior Erin Heffner was selected an American Volleyball Coaches Association honorable mention All-America for 2003.

The Fort Wayne, Indiana, native led the Southeastern Conference in kills with 5.21 per game and posted double figure kills in 28 of Alabama's 31 matches. Heffner's stellar year also included her earning a third straight All-SEC selection and recording her 1,000th career kill.

"Erin had a tremendous season," said Tide Coach Judy Green. "She is not only one of the best outside hitters in the SEC, but also in the country. This is a great honor for Erin and also for the Alabama volleyball program."

Heffner and her Crimson Tide teammates finished the 2003 season with an 18-13 overall record and an 11-5 mark in the SEC. Alabama reached the semifinals of the SEC Tournament

for the third consecutive year and also posted its fifth straight winning season.

Soccer Honors

The soccer team of Coach Don Staley recently had its awards banquet. Honorees were: Laura Lowman, Most Improved; Libby Probst, Offensive MVP; Lauren Imwalle, Defensive MVP; Allison Delisle, Coach's Award; and Katie Holtzapfel, Team MVP.

Record Book Shuffle

Alabama Men's Track Coach Harvey Gance had said he expected his team to challenge some of the top times in school history. The team proved that to be an accurate prophecy. In the season-opening meet in indoor competition at Lexington, Kentucky, four Bama men posted times and marks high enough to shuffle the top ten marks in school history in four events. They are:

Junior Jeff Fedler's time of 1:50.21 in the 800-meter run was not only the third fastest time in school history but a personal best and only .01 second off the NCAA provisional qualifying time. Fedler finished second in the event.

Freshman Steven Boozer made an immediate impact in the Tide's field events when he posted a mark of 49-06.25 in the weight throw, the third farthest throw in school history.

Sophomore Chauncey Harris claimed sixth place in the 200-meter dash while posting the ninth fastest time in school history with a mark of 21.36.

Sophomore Peter Etot continued his long distance success as he claimed the meet championship in the mile event running a time of 4:07.43. It was the eighth fastest time in school history and a personal best for Etot.

Freshman Alex Korir also had an impressive debut on the Alabama track team as he was top collegian to finish in the 3-kilometer, running a personal best time of 8:15.68.

Fowler Gets International Work

Alabama Women's Track Coach Sandy Fowler has been selected as head women's coach for the 2005 World Outdoor Track & Field Championships in Helsinki, Finland.

"It's nice to realize that your peers recognize what you are doing," Fowler said of her latest national team appointment. "In track there are four big meets on everyone's radar screen—the Olympics, the World Championships, the Pan-Am Games and the World University Games. Right after the Olympic Games this summer, the elite level athletes will all start aiming for the World Championships."

Since taking over the Alabama's women's track and field program in 1997, Fowler has turned the Crimson Tide into one of the nation's finest teams and now she will coach some of the world's finest athletes.

Fowler assumes the role of Team USA's women's senior coach administrator after serving as an assistant coach at the 2000 Olympic Games and an assistant coach on the 1993 U.S. World Championships team staff.

Turnaround On And Off The Court

by Greg Wallace

Junior guard doing better
as student and as athlete

Mark Gottfried saw the potential in Earnest Shelton. The Alabama basketball coach knew—just knew—deep inside that Shelton, a junior shooting guard, could be something special on and off the court. But Shelton was just sliding by—academically and as a member of the Crimson Tide basketball team.

"He's a guy that should have been Academic All-SEC every semester, point blank," Gottfried said. "And he wasn't getting it done."

On the court, his performance wasn't anything special, either. Through two seasons of college basketball Shelton, a Memphis native, started just eight games. He averaged only 4.9 points per game as a sophomore and was regarded as a one-dimensional spot-up shooter who was a defensive liability.

This season, however, Gottfried's faith has been rewarded. Shelton has taken his life to a whole new plane of excellence, and the Alabama basketball team is reaping the rewards.

Through 14 games, Shelton was averaging 16.2 points per game as the leading scorer on a Crimson Tide team that was surpassing all preseason expectations. He has also raised his game in the classroom, raising his grade-point average from the 2.5 range to the 3.5 range.

Yes, Earnest Shelton is finally on top of his game.

"Earnest Shelton has matured in every way," Gottfried said. "Academically, he wasn't doing nearly as well and now he's doing much better. He's raised every part of his life up."

"He practices better, the way he plays in games is better, and his leadership is better. Instead of being a B-student, he's an A-student. He's raised every area."

At Memphis' White Station High School, Shelton was the star his team revolved around.

He averaged 27 points, five rebounds and four assists as a senior and led White Station to a Tennessee state championship—winning the tournament's MVP award in the process. He was all-everything; all-state, all-city, all-district, all-region, Best of Preps.

But when he signed with Alabama, he became just another interchangeable part of the bench. Gottfried had talents like Rod Grizzard, Erwin Dudley and Kenny Walker already in place, which relegated Shelton to a reserve role as an "instant offense" shooter.



Earnest Shelton had his moments as a shooting specialist as an Alabama freshman and sophomore, but called upon to be a complete player for the Crimson Tide this season, he has been exceptional.

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"I knew when I came in that we had a great team," Shelton said. "Erwin and Rod were here when I got here, and I wasn't expecting to come in and put up 27, 30 points right out of high school."

"I might put it up on any given night, but I wasn't expecting to put that up on a nightly basis because we had a team with such good guys. I wanted to come in, mix it up and help the team out any way I could."

This season, adversity brought Shelton's leadership abilities to the forefront. Dudley, Walker and starting shooting guard Terrance Meade graduated, and sophomore point guard Mo Williams left two years early for the NBA.

That left Shelton and senior point guard Antoine Pettway as Alabama's most talented and experienced players. Gottfried had the gifted Kennedy Winston and he had recruited several promising young big men, most notably sophomore forward Chuck Davis and freshman center Jermareo Davidson. But for the first time in his college career, much of the leadership burden would rest on Shelton's shoulders.

"I've come out every night with a lot of intensity, a lot of aggressiveness," Shelton said. "Coach Gottfried told me from the beginning that I'm going to have to play like that. I'm going to have to be more aggressive, I'm going to have to be more intense and I'm going to have to step my offensive game up."

He struggled early on, scoring just three points in a victory over Louisiana Tech. That led to a benching by Gottfried for the Southeastern Louisiana game, and Shelton responded well, coming off the pine and scoring 28 points in an Alabama victory.

He hasn't looked back since. Shelton knows that he must knock down shots consistently for his young teammates to thrive inside.

Shelton Suffers Knee Injury

Earnest Shelton suffered a sprained medial collateral ligament in his right knee during Alabama's 45-42 win over Georgia in Athens January 21. He was injured in a collision. No timetable has been set for his return. Head Coach Mark Gottfried said, "Hopefully it won't be long."

"A lot of the younger guys look to the older guys to score and step up and take big shots," he said. "I just try to meet the challenge. I try to stand up when they call on us to knock a shot down, or to be big. We've got to step up and meet that challenge."

Now, Shelton feels he has regained the confidence he left behind in Memphis. Even his misses are closer than they were last year.

"I'm very confident right now," he said. "A lot of the shots I've missed that don't fall in, they don't fall far off; they rim out, little stuff like that. I feel like I'm going to make the next one. That's a big confidence boost—you're not missing them wide right or wide left."

Much of that increased focus on the court can be credited to a tighter, more structured life off it.

Shelton admits he was never a party animal, but says he has minimized his socializing and concentrated on the two truly important as-

pects of his life: school and hoops.

"I cut out some of my extracurricular activities, going out—stopped a lot of that and focused on playing, getting my game together and helping this basketball team," he said. "I had to change my ways, get more rest. I knew that was going to be a big part of it. I started getting more rest and focusing more on the team versus myself."

Shelton earned 2003 SEC All-Academic honors and should be a strong candidate for the honor again this season after improving his classroom effort. He is a business management major on track to graduate next summer.

He also has his eye on running a business of his own someday.

"That'd be a joy to be able to sit back and coordinate things," he said. "Be a coach off the field. When you run a business, you might be the guy behind the picture, but you have to run it and let everyone know what's going on."

This year, Earnest Shelton has gained ownership of his life. Now, he and Alabama basketball are reaping the profits.

"He's so much more confident," Gottfried said. "He plays with a high level of confidence and he's shooting the ball well. He knows our team needs him to score, and that's a mindset that's different than it was last year. This year, it's been real clear. He's done a great job."

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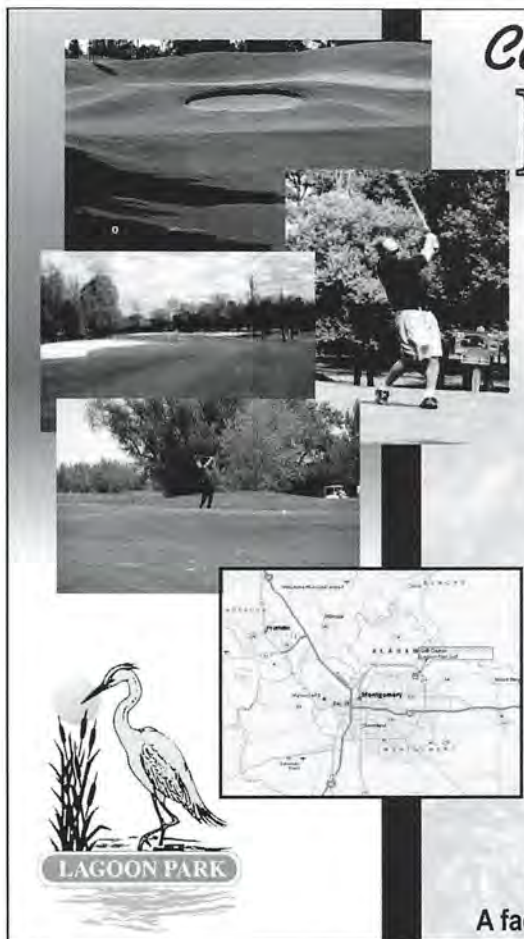
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Shula Says Work Will Be Rigorous

by Kirk McNair

Tide starting earlier than usual; A-Day March 20

When Mike Shula took over as Alabama's head football coach last summer, there were many decisions to be made. Among the most important of those was whether to retain the offense that had been installed by Shula's predecessor, the short-lived Mike Price, in spring practice.

Shula said, "We had to make a decision, whether to stick with what they had learned in the spring, and then start all over this spring. We decided not to do that. It was probably tougher on the players to change the offense last fall. And they handled it better than expected. I know how the season went, but believe it or not we did have some good things happen. Now we will be able to build on the good things. And we will work on the things that didn't go well."

"But we will have some carryover."

There would have been no carryover had the Tide gone with the Price offense. No one can say whether there would have been more victories in 2003.

The test of carryover begins February 21 when Alabama opens spring practice. The 15 practice dates include the public A-Day Game at Bryant-Denny Stadium March 20.

Shula said, "This spring we will spend a lot more time on individual skills, particularly in the first half of spring practice. A lot of guys need that."

Shula warned that the spring would be "rigorous." While he noted that having

physical practices can be "scary; you don't want to get guys hurt," he added that starting spring work so early (about a month earlier than has normally been the case at Alabama) there is more time for healing of "nicked up" players before fall.

"We need to have some physical practices, and we will have some scrimmages, but we have to balance the physical with learning," Shula said.

"The thing we need is continuity," Shula said. "The guys feel comfortable by doing it over and over again. We have it now and we have to take full advantage."

A part of that continuity is the staff. Although Shula elected to bring in a new strength coach in Kent Johnston, replacing the popular Ben Pollard, he said he would not be making any changes in on-the-field coaches. At every opportunity he has praised the assistant coaches, particularly the two most discussed by Bama followers, Defensive Coordinator Joe Kines and Offensive Coordinator Dave Rader.

Shula said that since determining the staff last summer (mostly hold-overs, newcomers in Rader, Special Teams Coordinator Dave Ungerer, and Receivers Coach Charlie Harbison), "I've gotten to know them very well. The way everyone has worked has been excellent, right on through recruiting. Consistency is what this team needs right now. We've got a lot invested in each other. A lot has happened to help motivate us."

One thing that has happened as there has been unexpected attrition. While Auburn was getting the good news that it would not lose potential high draft choices such as running back Carnell Williams, the bad news on defections continued for Alabama. The big losses, defensive end Antwan Odom and offensive guard Justin Smiley, had been announced early. Later defections include defensive tackle Ahmad Childress, whose

decision was linked to academic problems, and linebacker Brooks Daniels, who missed all last season with an undisclosed medical problem. There had been hope that Daniels, who had over 100 tackles in both 2001 and 2002, would return either this spring or by next August.

Since the last college football team abolished the Single Wing, the most important position on every squad has been quarterback. And it's no surprise that Shula said the quarterback position would get a great deal of attention in the spring.

The situation is complicated by injury. Both 2003 starter Brodie Croyle and his top back-up Spender Pennington suffered shoulder injuries during the season. Croyle's injury was to his non-throwing left shoulder, but Pennington separated his right (throwing) shoulder. Both underwent successful post-season surgery. Shula has shown some optimism about the availability of Croyle (who ranked 10th in the Southeastern Conference in passing efficiency last year as a sophomore). The coach expects Croyle to be involved in spring practice, including some seven-on-seven work, but has indicated it is unlikely Croyle can participate in full scrimmage work. The coach did say it was important that Croyle get work in the offense. Shula has said that while Pennington is "ahead of schedule," the most he expects is that the junior will be able to do some "light throwing."

With the top two quarterbacks out, the door is open for some newcomers. Shula has made particular mention of sophomore transfer Marc Guillon. Guillon and former professional baseball player Mike Machen, a redshirt freshman, have what Shula called "a great opportunity." He said Machen must improve mechanically.

"Marc Guillon will be getting a lot of reps [repetitions]," Shula said.

Shula, who suffered a broken ankle in a live scrimmage in his first spring practice as a quarterback at Alabama in the early 1980s, said that mistake won't be repeated with current Bama quarterbacks. "They won't be live," he said, meaning quarterbacks will be off limits to contact during spring drills.

Brandon Avalos, who started at quarterback for the Southern Miss game when Croyle and Pennington were injured last season, is not likely to return to the Tide. He was suspended for the final four games of the year for violation of a team rule and has

2004 Alabama Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Series Record
September 4	Utah State	Tuscaloosa	First Meeting
September 11	Mississippi	Tuscaloosa	Alabama leads, 40-9-2
September 18	Western Carolina	Tuscaloosa	First Meeting
September 25	Arkansas	Fayetteville	Alabama leads, 9-5-0
October 2	South Carolina	Tuscaloosa	Alabama leads, 10-1-0
October 9	Kentucky	Lexington	Alabama leads, 32-2-1
October 16	Southern Miss	Tuscaloosa	Alabama leads, 32-6-2
October 23	Tennessee	Knoxville	Alabama leads, 43-36-7
November 6	Mississippi State	Tuscaloosa	Alabama leads, 70-15-3
November 13	LSU	Baton Rouge	Alabama leads, 43-19-5
November 20	Auburn	Tuscaloosa	Alabama leads, 38-29-1
December 3	SEC Championship Game	Atlanta	Alabama 2 wins, 3 losses

since transferred to Shelton State Junior College to play baseball.

A key area on offense is wide receiver. Alabama got help from an unlikely source at the position. NCAA eligibility committees have made two names from the past potential helpers in the immediate future.

Antonio Carter played in 1999, 2000, and 2001, but has not played the last two years after suffering a leg injury. Because his leg did not heal properly, the NCAA has granted him a sixth year of eligibility in 2004. But he is expected to have little participation this spring.

Damien Jones signed with Alabama even earlier than Carter, in 1998, but Jones, who had starred at Vigor High School, passed up his college scholarship to participate in professional baseball. Jones, who had been a high school quarterback but was projected as a wide receiver in college, was not academically eligible under 1998 standards. However, those requirements have changed slightly, and his 1998 grades and test score are now satisfactory. Jones was 5-9 and 185 pounds in 1998, but has been reported as perhaps 25 pounds bigger now. He is enrolled and will participate this spring. (He is paying his own way and he does not count against Alabama's scholarship limits.)

However, Alabama lost five wide receivers to graduation. Tyrone Prothro, who had 16 catches for 191 yards as a freshman last fall, is the only experienced wide receiver returning from 2003.

"We don't have that many on scholarship right now," Shula said. "It's not such a problem in normal formations, but when we go to three, four, or five wide receivers we're short."

In addition to Prothro, Carter and Jones, Alabama will work with redshirt freshmen Matt Caddell, Will Roach and Scoop McDowell (the third former pro baseball player on the football roster), as well as Brandon Brooks, Marcus McKnight, and Tarry Givens.

Tight end David Cavan is not expected to participate in the spring as he recovers from a fall injury. Cavan is considered the best blocker among Tide tight ends. Clint Johnston will be the number one tight end in camp. Greg McLain, a starter at fullback as a freshman in 2003 and backup at tight end last fall after being injured in the spring, is likely to be at tight end again, but, Shula said, "We're leaving our options open." He said McLain got better as the year went along and that he gained confidence.

One reason for leaving options open regarding McLain is what might go on in the offensive backfield. Bama lost its top offensive player in tailback Shaud Williams. Ray Hudson will start out the spring as number one tailback with Kenneth Darby number two. And, Shula said, the Tide will look at Tim Castille at



Evan Mathis has been a three-year starter at right tackle and is the leader of the offensive line returning for spring practice.
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tailback. Castille, the starting fullback last fall as a freshman, impressed Shula with his ability to get yards. LeRon McClain had a few good moments at fullback as a true freshman. Nic Luke is also listed at fullback.

The picture at offensive line is not nearly as clear as it might have been. The defection of Smiley, along with an injury to Wesley Britt, takes away two potential All-America candidates. The good news is that Britt is making progress after suffering a broken leg against Tennessee and the left tackle is expected to be full speed for his senior season. Bama does return three-year starter Evan Mathis at right tackle and junior J.B. Clossner is back at center. However, there are questions at both guard spots and regarding depth. Senior Danny Martz played sparingly in relief at right guard last year and could be number one in

the spring as the replacement for Dennis Alexander. Others in contention at various offensive line spots include juniors Von Ewing, Mark Sanders and Montre Walker, and red-shirt freshmen Travis West, Justin Moon, and Chris Capps.

On defense, Shula will welcome a couple of players back to playing potential, but he is also aware of serious losses. For the second consecutive year Alabama has lost no fewer than three regulars off the defensive line. In addition to the defuncting Odom and Childress, end Nautyn McKay-Loescher has graduated.

Although it's possible the Tide could lose returning starting defensive tackle Anthony Bryant before next fall, Bryant will go through spring practice. As a partial qualifier in 2000,



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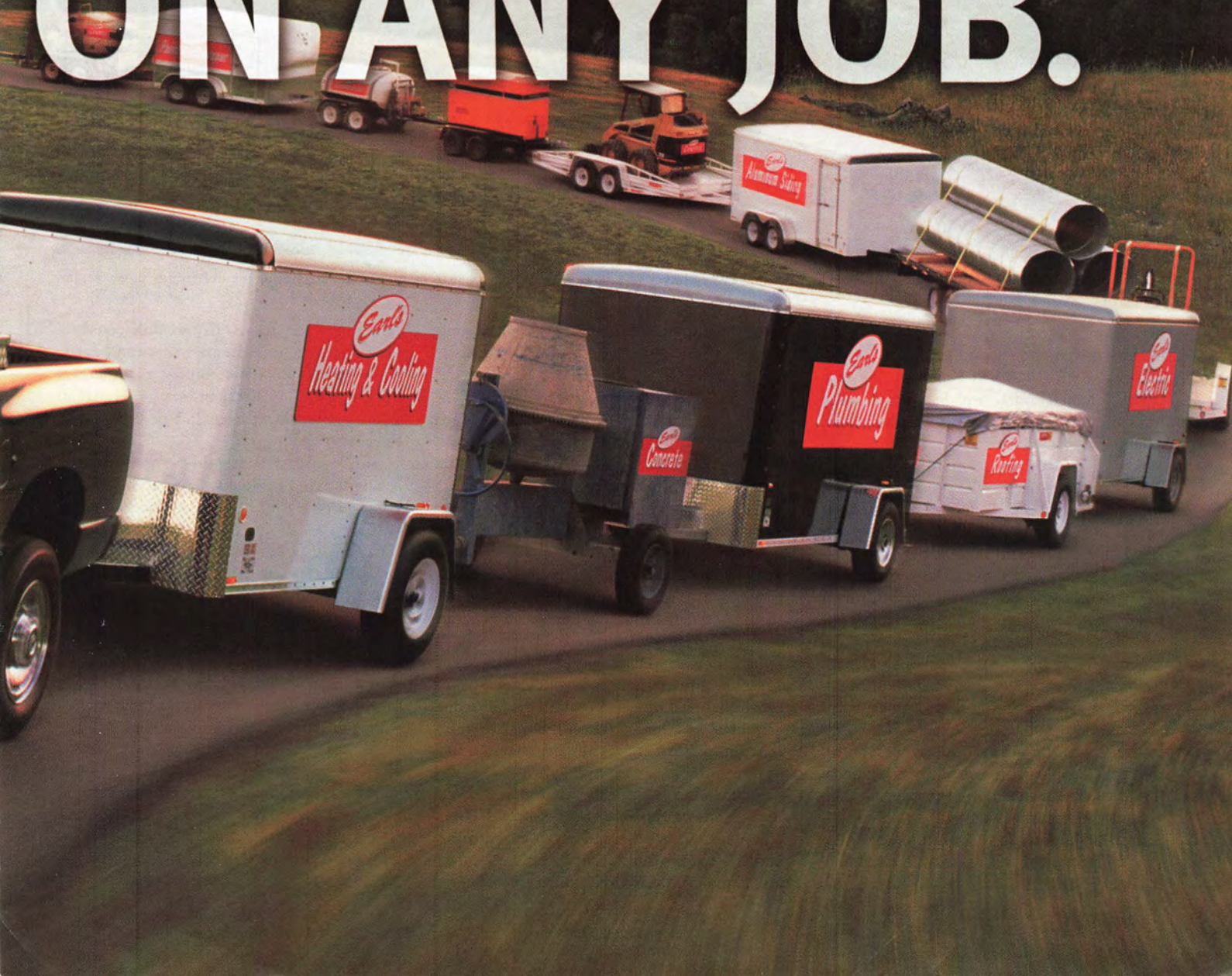
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Freddie Roach was the starting middle linebacker for Bama last fall as a sophomore. He is expected to be one of the leaders of the defense as Bama begins spring practice this month.
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Bryant must earn his degree before the start of the fall semester in order to "earn back" his final year of football eligibility. Because Bryant elected not to opt for professional football, that is taken as a sign that he will be able to earn that degree.

The defensive line is one of two areas on defense where Bama will be able to "welcome back" a player. Todd Bates, a defensive end, was able to practice with the Tide last fall, but was not permitted to play in games because he had tested positive for ephedra, a banned substance. The product no longer has ephedra. Bates will be a senior.

Shula does not expect a great deal of experimentation in the spring. Last spring Mark Anderson was moved from linebacker to defensive end. That proved to be a good move as Anderson, an upcoming junior, was a starter late in the season. They will be joined by soph Chris Harris and redshirt freshmen Wallace Gilberry and Keith Saunders.

Shula said, "The spring will be a great opportunity for men like Dominic Lee." Lee saw some playing time as a true freshman at defensive tackle. In addition to Bryant, the

tackle candidates will include sophomores Jeremy Clark and Kyle Tatum and junior Taylor Britt.

In addition to Bates, Bama gets another former player back for his senior year. Cornelius Wortham, a two-year starter at strongside linebacker, missed 2003 with an elbow injury. Shula said that both Bates and Wortham are "raring to go."

Alabama lost one linebacker from 2003 in Derrick Pope, who played at strongside. Sophomore Terrance Jones is also expected to work at that position. The Tide has returning starters in middle linebacker Freddie Roach and weakside linebacker DeMeco Ryans. Juwan Garth was impressive as a back-up last year and is one of those Shula is anxious to see this spring. Other linebacker candidates are junior Juke King and redshirt freshmen Earnest Nance and Demarcus Waldrop.

Shula lists as a priority "finding a safety to replace Charles Jones." Junior Roman Harper returns at strong safety, along with returning starting cornerbacks junior Charlie Peprah and senior Anthony Madison. Seniors Chris

James and Carlos Andrews and redshirt freshman Eric Johnson are safety candidates. Soph Ramzee Robinson, who was the nickel back much of last season, senior Thurman Ward and redshirt freshman Eric Gray are in the cornerback ranks.

Shula said time would be spent in the spring looking for kickers, but added "We're going to give a lot of work to those who are returning," meaning placekicker Brian Bostick and punter Bo Freeland. Other kicker candidates are Mike McLaughlin, Alex Fox and Michael Ziifle, while other punters are Patrick Eades and Jeremy Schatz.

Most of the work on the overall kicking game (coverage and returns) will probably wait until new signees arrive in August, but a new snapper must be found to replace Nick Ridings. Dominic Lee is a possibility.

In addition to opening day on February 21 and the A-Day Game on March 20, tentative Alabama spring practice days are February 24, 26, 27, 28 and March 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 13, 16, 18.

2004 Alabama Spring Numerical Roster

NO	NAME, POS	CL	HT	WT	EXP	HOMETOWN
1	Thurman Ward, RCB	Sr	6-1	186	2L	Starkville, Miss.
1	Arturo McDowell, FL	Fr	6-0	185	RS	Jackson, Miss.
2	Antonio Carter, FL	Sr	5-9	191	3L	Tallahassee, Fla.
3	Alex Fox, H/PK	Sr	5-9	183	1L	Pensacola, Fla.
4	Tyrone Prothro, SE	So	5-8	173	1L	Heflin
5	Brandon Brooks, SE	Jr	5-4	163	1L	Birmingham
6	Damien Jones, WR	Fr	5-9	200	HS	Prichard
6	Derek DuBois, WR	Fr	5-8	166	RS	Colonia, N.J.
8	Freddie Roach, MLB	Jr	6-2	245	2L	Killen
9	Anthony Madison, RCB	Sr	5-9	180	2L	Thomasville
10	Carlos Andrews, SS	Sr	5-11	210	1L	Tallahassee, Fla.
10	Jay Battle, SE	So	6-1	170	RS	Oak Hill, Va.
11	Matt Caddell, FL	Fr	6-0	171	RS	McCalla
12	Brodie Croyle, QB	Jr	6-3	200	2L	Rainbow City
13	Spencer Pennington, QB	Jr	6-4	227	1L	Fayette
14	Jeff Aul, P	So	6-2	214	Sq	Daleville
15	Michael Machen, QB	Fr	6-6	229	RS	Mobile
16	Cornelius Wortham, SLB	Sr	6-1	225	3L	Calhoun City Miss.
16	Terell Eaton, FL	So	5-6	150	Sq	Catherine
17	Ramzee Robinson, RCB	So	5-9	181	1L	Huntsville
17	Zach Golson, QB	Fr	6-2	190	RS	Prattville
18	Marc Guillon, QB	So	6-4	215	Tr	Chico, Calif.
18	Danny Barger, SS	Fr	5-11	173	RS	Tuscaloosa
19	Josh Averett, SE	Sr	6-3	203	Sq	Vance
20	Justin Ballard, TB	Jr	5-10	183	Tr	Eutaw
21	Matt Grice, SS	Sr	5-11	188	Sq	Tuscaloosa
22	Brian Bostick, PK	Sr	5-10	213	2L	Cullman
22	Ben Rose, RCB	So	5-9	176	Sq	Rochester Hills, Mich.
23	Kyle Bennett, SLB	So	6-2	218	Sq	Boaz
24	Bo Freelend, P	Sr	6-4	257	1L	Eutaw
25	Eric Johnson, SS	Fr	6-0	192	RS	Anniston
25	Jeremy Schatz, P	Jr	5-7	161	Sq	Homewood
26	Charlie Peprah, LCB	Jr	5-11	195	2L	Plano, Texas
27	Ray Hudson, TB	Sr	5-11	197	2L	Bonifay, Fla.
28	Nic Luke, TB	So	6-1	209	1L	Phenix City
28	Jamie Christensen, PK	So	6-0	176	Tr	Norcross, Ga.
29	Tim Castille, FB	So	5-11	231	1L	Birmingham
30	Patrick Eades, P	Fr	6-2	176	RS	Birmingham
30	Bryan Kilpatrick, FS	So	6-4	199	Sq	Monroeville
31	Greg McLain, TE	Jr	6-3	244	2L	Lineville
31	Forress Rayford, FS	Fr	5-11	180	RS	Mobile
32	Chris James, S	Sr	6-0	198	3L	Albany, Ga.
33	LeRon McClain, FB	So	6-1	240	1L	Northport
34	Kenneth Darby, TB	So	5-11	190	1L	Huntsville
34	King Gladney, MLB	Jr	6-1	230	Sq	Bossier City, La.
35	DeMeco Ryans, WLB	Jr	6-2	225	2L	Bessemer
36	Eric Gray, RCB	Fr	5-11	190	RS	Trinity
36	David Steakley, SE	Jr	5-10	175	Sq	Huntsville
37	Matt Miller, FL	Jr	6-3	199	1L	Rainbow City
37	Ryan Wilbanks, RCB	So	5-8	178	Sq	Grayson, Ga.
38	Chris Jackson, MLB	Fr	6-1	230	RS	Madison

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39	Will Hardy, LDE	Jr	6-3	244	Sq	Wetumpka
40	Michael Ziifle, PK/P	Sr	6-0	236	1L	Newnan, Ga.
40	Ken Vandervoort, SLB	Fr	6-3	210	RS	Anniston
41	Roman Harper, SS	Jr	6-0	191	2L	Prattville
42	Juwan Garth, WLB	So	6-2	208	1L	Decatur
43	Charles Hosea, SS	Sr	5-10	184	Sq	Huntsville
44	Demarcus Waldrop, WLB	Fr	5-11	200	RS	Pinson
45	Juke King, MLB	Jr	6-0	220	Sq	Theodore
46	Mike McLaughlin, PK	Jr	6-2	207	Sq	Gautier, Miss.
46	Allen Long, SLB	Fr	6-2	254	RS	Addison
47	Mark Anderson, LDE	Jr	6-5	239	2L	Tulsa, Okla.
49	P.J. Fletcher, RDE	Sr	6-2	231	Sq	Panama City, Fla.
51	Evan Mathis, RT	Sr	6-5	308	3L	Homewood
52	Taylor Britt, LDT	Jr	6-4	278	1L	Cullman
54	Justin Johnson, LDE	Fr	6-2	248	RS	Tuscaloosa
55	Terrence Jones, SLB	So	6-0	205	1L	Northport
56	Todd Bates, LDE	Sr	6-4	253	2L	Heflin
57	Earnest Nance, MLB	Fr	6-2	203	RS	Courtland
58	Rudy Griffin, LDE	Sr	6-0	284	Tr	Augusta, Ga.
59	Jonathan Brunson, LDE	Sr	6-3	245	Sq	Geneva
60	Von Ewing, RT	Jr	6-5	304	Sq	Troy
62	Adam Bass, RDE	Jr	6-0	253	Sq	Atlanta, Ga.
63	Mark Sanders, RG	Jr	6-7	310	Sq	Ashville
66	Andy Harrison, LG	So	6-1	289	Sq	Trussville
68	Montre Walker, C	Jr	6-2	259	Sq	Hayneville
70	Wesley Britt, LT	Sr	6-8	313	3L	Cullman
71	Justin Moon, RT	Fr	6-4	304	RS	Guntersville
72	Chris Capps, LT	Fr	6-5	275	RS	Jonesboro, Ga.
74	J.B. Closner, C	Jr	6-4	290	1L	San Antonio, Texas
76	Travis West, LG	Fr	6-3	280	RS	Laurel, Miss.
77	Gerritt Gordon, RG	Sr	6-2	277	Tr	Mobile
79	Danny Martz, RG	Sr	6-4	291	1L	Gaithersburg, Md.
79	J.P. Adams, RDT	So	6-3	262	Sq	Northport
82	Marcus McKnight, SE	So	6-2	173	Sq	Callahan, Fla.
83	Will Roach, FL	Fr	6-1	187	RS	Killen
85	Kyl Iatum, RDT	So	6-7	282	1L	Prattville
85	Tarry Givens, SE	Sr	6-5	220	Sq	Tallahassee, Fla.
86	Matt Ragland, SE	Jr	5-10	190	Sq	Huntsville
87	David Cavan, TE	Sr	6-5	252	2L	Tuscaloosa
88	Clint Johnston, TE	Jr	6-4	245	2L	Wetumpka
89	Will Denniston, TE	Fr	6-2	217	RS	Mobile
90	Barrett Earnest, TE	Fr	6-4	230	RS	Loretto, Tenn.
91	Chris Harris, RDE	So	6-5	241	1L	Tuscaloosa
92	Wallace Gilberry, RDE	Fr	6-2	239	RS	Bay Minette
93	Matt Collins, MLB	Fr	6-1	230	RS	Pinson
94	Keith Saunders, RDE	Fr	6-4	231	RS	Willingboro, N.J.
96	Dominic Lee, RDT	So	6-2	302	1L	Birmingham
*97	Anthony Bryant, RDT	Sr	6-3	336	3L	Newbern
99	Jeremy Clark, LDT	So	6-2	290	1L	Daphne

*Anthony Bryant must graduate before the Fall 2004 semester begins to earn eligibility in 2004, but will participate in spring practice





Tailback:

Three Men Seek Job As Starter

by J.E. Lisby

Coach Sparky Woods likes talent, but depth is concern

When a team loses a great player, there is concern about his successor. By any standard—on-the-field production, leadership, scholarship, character—tailback Shaud Williams was a great player for Alabama's football team. But heading into spring practice with Williams having graduated, Bama's running back cupboard is hardly bare. In upcoming senior Ray Hudson and sophomores Kenneth Darby and Tim Castille the Tide has a trio of capable candidates.

Tide Head Coach Mike Shula said that Hudson, who was back-up to Williams last year, would be at the top of the depth chart with Darby "right there with him. And we've got to look at the Tim Castille situation." Castille was Bama's starting fullback last season, but will get a look at tailback this spring.

Sparky Woods, who coaches running backs, likes the players he's got. He just wishes he had more of them. "I think our talent is good," Woods said. "We're just thin with numbers. Just two (three counting Castille) is a scary number going into the season. We've got to make sure we get some depth."

Williams, 5-8 and 189 pounds, turned in workhorse numbers, starting all 13 Bama games and carrying the football 280 times for 1,367 yards, tops in the Southeastern Conference.

No one doubts Williams' value, least of all his fellow running backs. But they're not afraid of the future without him. In fact, they're anxious to show what they can do.

"We'll be okay," Hudson said. "Fans are talking like we're hurting at tailback. We're

Ray Hudson is Alabama's top returning tailback, but the upcoming senior was far behind the graduated Shaud Williams, who was the SEC leader in runs and yards rushing.

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not hurting. We're all good. We just need the carries to prove it. Alabama can have just as good a group of running backs as anybody else."

Hudson's running mate agrees. "I'm not worried, not at all," Darby said. "I think the running backs we've got now, including myself, can get the job done. Shaud contributed a lot to the team, and we learned from him. There shouldn't be a drop-off at running back. In fact I think we could be stronger. We've got a good running back corps. There shouldn't be any doubt that we'll get the job done."

For the next few weeks Tide players will be toiling under the supervision of Bama's strength and conditioning coaches. With spring training moved up on the calendar this year to avoid being interrupted by spring break, they know that February 21, when practice begins, is just around the corner.

Darby said, "In a way I'm happy it is starting early. I think Coach Shula and the rest of the staff know that the sooner we do it the faster we'll get down with it, the faster we can learn and build on the season. I think it's an advantage."

"Ray is an explosive back who is going to be a good player for us, and the same goes for Darby," Woods said. "I think there will be great competition between Ray and Kenneth in the spring."

And that doesn't account for Tim Castille. Toward the end of the season Alabama occasionally went to a "jumbo backfield," with LéRon McClain at fullback and Castille at tailback. "I thought that was good," Woods said, "especially when you've got a short-yardage situation. Two big backs at the same time who catch the ball and pass protect is good."

"I thought it went well," Castille said. "We had an off week, and during practice LéRon and I went to the backfield together. The coaches gave me the ball a little bit. I thought it worked out well." And in the spring? "We talked about that idea, and so far the coaches have been for it," Castille said. "We'll see how it goes during practice."

"Right now Tim is our starting fullback," Woods said. "But he does have the ability to play both positions."

Woods gave a brief scouting report on his top two tailbacks, heading into spring drills. "Both Kenneth and Ray have explosiveness and the ability to break tackles as well as the ability to make people miss," he said. "They're a little bit different. KD has got a burst, but he's going to run behind his pads a little more than Ray. Ray will try to beat you to the corner or make you miss a little more."

Woods said the difference in running styles should work to Alabama's benefit. He said, "They're a really good one-two punch



Kenneth Darby provided some exciting moments in his first varsity season, but he missed some playing time with injuries. Barry Fikes Photo

for somebody to try to defend. They're two different types to deal with."

As Bama's second-leading rusher last year, Hudson deserves to be listed number one. Playing in 12 of Bama's 13 games, he carried the football 100 times for 490 yards and one touchdown. His longest run went for 27 yards. Hudson enjoyed his biggest day against Mississippi State when he rushed for 79 yards.

"I really am a fan of Ray Hudson," Woods said. "He practiced really hard last year. He did everything we asked this year. He had one off-the-field episode that he's put behind him. Ray's obviously not a great big guy, but he's explosive. He's got pop. When he hits you, he's strong."

Hudson also had 15 pass receptions for 179 yards and one touchdown. "He's a good pass blocker and a good receiver out of the backfield," Woods said. "I think Ray is a complete back."

Previously noted as a speed runner, Hudson matured last season as a running back. Instead of always trying to beat the defense to the edge, he learned to see the field better and follow his blocking. "It took me a little while to get used to college football,"

Hudson said. "In high school I wasn't used to running inside. It took a while to get in the groove. I used to just get the ball and go. It's good to have speed, but sometimes speed can be your enemy, when it should be your ally. I had to learn to be patient and wait for the hole to develop."

A back-up so far in his career, Hudson says he's now ready to shoulder the burden of starting. He said, "I've been looking forward to this since I got here. I was behind Ahmaad Galloway, then Santonio Beard, then Shaud. Now it's my turn."

Last season Williams ran the ball more than twice as much as all other Tide running backs combined. But if Hudson was impatient, consider Darby. Darby played in ten games, but had only 34 carries for 185 yards. Woods said that nagging injuries limited Darby's effectiveness.

Woods said. "During fall camp he had some problems with blisters that kept him from being comfortable. You can't feel good when your feet hurt. Then he had the rib problem. Then he separated his shoulder at Ole Miss. He had injuries that kept him from having a good year. But he stayed in and battled, and when he did play I thought

he showed he was a good running back."

The question is whether Darby is healthy. "My ribs are fine," he said. "I had a slight separation, but the shoulder is getting there. I think I'll be 100 per cent this spring."

A completely healthy Darby is fun to watch. Combining speed, power and quickness, the sophomore halfback seemingly explodes into the hole, initiating contact with the would-be tackler rather than taking the blow. Darby said, "When I work out getting ready for the season, I try to work on power, speed, and quickness—all three. I don't want to use just one. I don't want to be one-dimensional. That's how I look at it while I'm training for the season. I want to be a complete back."

Darby and Castille are both upcoming sophomores. But Darby was redshirted his true freshman season, while Castille was pressed into action at fullback as a first-year man. Castille played in 12 games, working almost exclusively at fullback. Mainly he blocked and was used as a receiver out of the backfield, but Castille did occasionally get to carry the football. For the year he gained 33 yards on eight rushing attempts. As a receiver, he caught 21 passes (fifth-best on the squad) for 129 yards. Castille's biggest receiving game came against Tennessee, when he caught five passes for 31 yards.

Castille's efforts impressed his head coach. "Every time Tim had the ball in his hands he was making yards," Shula said. "(Using him at tailback) is something we'll visit about. He's pretty valuable as a fullback for us, too. We know how productive he was in high

school at tailback. We feel comfortable with that situation."

Woods said, "It's amazing what Tim did last year as a freshman. He gets my vote for most improved coming from high school to do what he did."

Woods said that there is no question that Castille is smart enough to handle repetitions at both fullback and halfback, but he doesn't want versatility to come at the expense of stardom. Woods said, "I want to make sure that our plan for a guy like Tim ensures success. I want him to be great at something. We don't want him to be average at two things. It's going to be interesting to see how it plays

out. Some of that will have to do with the progress of LeRon McClain at fullback."

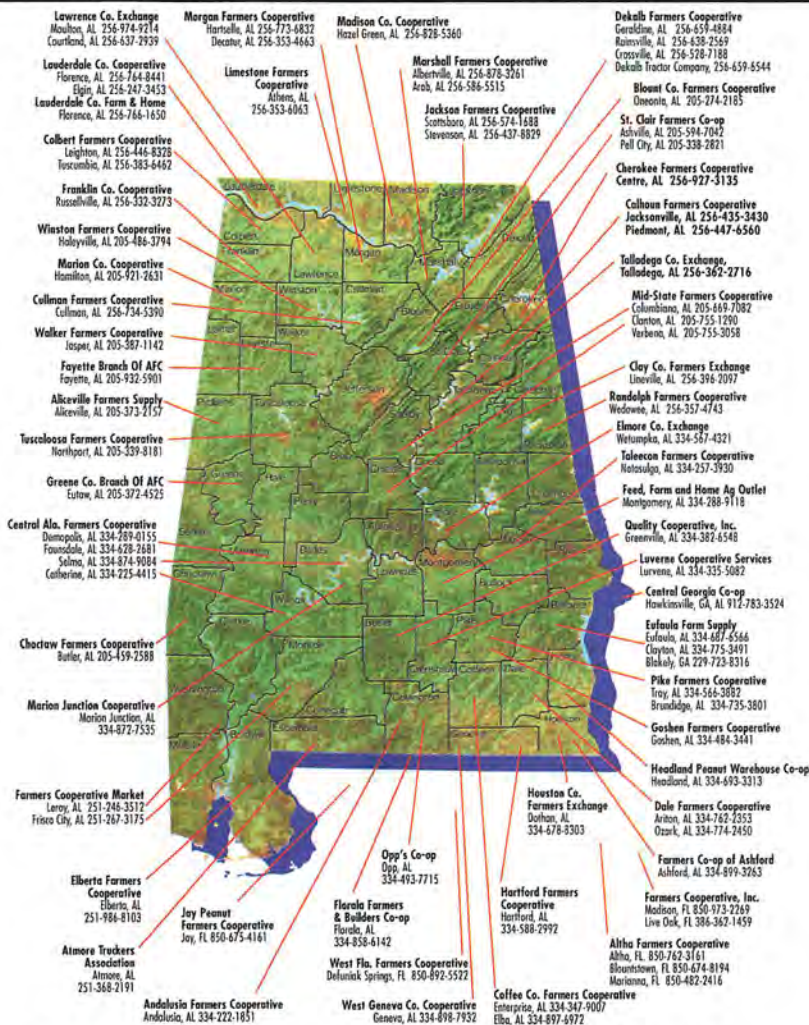
Along with Hudson, Darby and Castille, Soph Nic Luke also will get a look at tailback. Junior Justin Ballard is a transfer from Delta State who sat out last year. Bama's coaches hoped to sign at least one blue-chip tailback in this year's recruiting class, but in the meantime Castille is convinced the athletes on campus can do the job.

Castille said, "We've got Ray, who is the speed guy. KD is probably the quickest. And I'd be the big guy. We bring different things to the table. It'll be interesting to see how it turns out."



Tim Castille earned the starting job at fullback as a true freshman, and his running success in limited opportunities persuaded Coach Mike Shula to look at Castille as a tailback this spring.
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Alabama Has Talent At The Top

by Donna Fromme

Both men's and women's teams expect leadership from All-America candidates

The collegiate golf season is unlike most others. Practice begins in August. Competition is underway by mid-September. And, if a team has a successful year, competition doesn't end until the NCAA Championships the first weekend in June.

In between fall and spring play is a winter weather break from competition, lasting roughly two months, December and January. Because of that interruption, it's a sport that almost has two seasons. But in the calculations for post-season play, every tournament counts.

Both the Alabama men's and women's golf teams begin that second season soon, the men January 31-February 1 at Florida's Gator Invitational, the women February 9-10 in New Orleans. Tulane is hosting a dual invitation at prestigious English Turn and both Alabama squads will participate.

Alabama golf this spring includes a new facility, The Jerry Pate Golf Center at Ol' Colony is just for the Crimson Tide golf teams. It provides the team with coaching offices and lockerroom space. The center includes a dedicated driving range and practice area. This is in addition to the lockerrooms and practice facility at The Capstone Club. The combination of facilities is in line with those of other top national golf powers, the type facilities highly-regarded prospects are looking for.

Both Bama teams head into the season with talent at the top, All-America contenders in Darby Sligh, who started the fall

as the nation's top-ranked women's collegiate golfer, and Lars Brovold.

Men's Coach Jay Seawell is in his second season at Alabama after having built Augusta State into a top ten power. Seawell is counting on Brovold to be a team leader this year.

"Lars was a bright point in an up-and-down fall for the team," said Seawell. "He played fantastic with a win at the tournament at North Carolina and a second at the Jerry Pate National against some outstanding competition. He is really and truly an All-America candidate which gives us hope because an All-America can carry you."

Seawell has high expectations for Brovold continuing to play the best golf of his career, a career that includes holding Alabama's low round record, 63 in the opening round of last year's Mason Rudolph Invitational. Seawell is also counting on the rest of his team to step up and play to potential.

"The first half in the fall was a little disappointing," said Seawell whose team competed in five fall tournaments. Bama's best finish was a fourth (of nine teams) at North Carolina. "We were playing a lot of young players," Seawell said. "When you play young players, you're going to be up and down, and we were inconsistent."

As Alabama heads into spring play, the Tide has a combination of veterans, a handful of freshmen who have been introduced to college golf in the fall season, and two newcom-

ers. Entering in January were Norwegian National Team member Ole Olsen, and Florida transfer Dwight Rogers, IV, who finished fourth at Florida's 2002 state amateur.

Two men were staples in Alabama's lineup during the fall, Brovold and junior Clint Provost who has five career top 10 finishes. Brovold's fall stroke average was 70.93, Provost's 74.5. Freshman Stewart Whitt played in four of Alabama's five tournaments, averaging 77.09. Senior Austin Hynson competed in three tournaments for a stroke average of 77.0. Also ready for action this spring are sophomore Lance Walker (78.33 in two fall tournament appearances) and freshman Max Alverio (79.17 in two fall tournaments).

"I really think the key to our team is Clint," Seawell said. "He was an All-SEC performer his freshman year. We've got to figure out a way to get him back to the confidence level he had. His game hasn't changed that much but his confidence has. If we get his confidence level back to what it was his first year here, we can be a very good team. So we're really relying on Clint to get his game in order, and we're looking for a fourth and fifth scorer. But if Clint does his job, that takes the pressure off the fourth and fifth scorer. It's a domino affect."

"Stewart showed some signs and put some good scores together. Ole and Dwight could come in and play. Austin is also someone to look at for those scores. It's really anybody on the team's chance for grabs. They are all talented and capable."

It's the nature of college golf that most competition is "on the road." But Alabama will again host the Conrad Rehling Invitational, named for Bama's legendary former golf coach. That tournament will be March 12-14 at The Capstone Club. The Southeastern Conference Championships will be played April 16-18 at Sea Island, Georgia.

"We use the fall to get ourselves ready for the spring," said Seawell. "You're judged by the fall and spring, but the national and SEC championships are in the spring, so we use the fall with a difficult schedule, especially for our young players, as a way to prepare for SEC and NCAA tournaments. I'm hoping our tough fall schedule will have prepared us for the tough grind of the spring."

The quest is a trip to the NCAA Tournament. Alabama has made 13, including last year when Seawell took Alabama to NCAA play in his first season of coaching the Tide.

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Both men's and women's Alabama golf teams this spring expect to be stronger. Among the top performers for the Tide women will be Amy Middleton (left) and Darby Sligh, while the men count on Lars Brovold (left) and Austin Hynson. Barry Fikes Photo

of our fall," Seawell said. "But the spring is where you catch up. I'd say I feel very good about our chances of getting back. That's what our goals are. We can't have an average spring; we have to have a very, very good spring. Everyone needs to play at his top level every week."

On the women's side, much of the NCAA power lies with its ace, junior Darby Sligh. She's knocked three strokes off her game from last season, going from 76.92 with three top 10 finishes last spring to a 73.1 average and two tournament individual championships out of the four she played in the fall. Sligh won Alabama's own Ann Rhoads Intercollegiate as well as the Ross Resorts Invitational where she carded a 68 in both her opening and closing rounds.

"Darby Sligh came out of the gate hot," said Alabama Women's Coach Betty Palmer. "She has played fantastic golf. She's really disciplined herself in her short game which has made a world of difference. It has given her a top 20 ranking. Starting the year ranked number one was just neat. I know the most important ranking is the one at the end, but I don't care what anyone says, if you can say you were ranked number one in

the country, that is really something. It was fun, and we are extremely proud of her."

Alabama does not have a home tournament this year. Among the Crimson Tide destinations is Baton Rouge, where Bama will play in LSU's invitational March 5-7, then the SEC Championship April 16-18.

Bama attacks this year's schedule with 10 players, including seniors Jordan Daniel, Anna Strandberg and Mandy Tedder; juniors Megan George and Darby Sligh; sophomore Carina Sorensen; and freshmen Lisa Andrezewski, Maggie Hall, Josie Lowder and Amy Middleton.

"Having 10 players gives us a great amount of depth, which we have not had in a long time," said Palmer. "We've had some really strong play from freshman Amy Middleton. She's making a nice, solid run for freshman of the year honors. Her middle game is her strongest suit. She's feisty out there and has really matured in her course management style and being able to view the golf course and play it to her ability as opposed to trying to change her game for the golf course."

"Megan George came in as a transfer and she's been a great support. Her fall wasn't as strong as she would have liked but it was still very good," said Palmer. "Anna Strandberg and Carina Sorensen, our two Swedish

players, are always steady. We have solid backup all around. We have four freshmen who are all talented. We will probably see Josie Lowder play quite a bit. She's a strong player; hits the ball a long way. And her short game is getting stronger and stronger. Senior Jordan Daniel is a steady, strong player. She has been steadily improving every year. Mandy Tedder is the most athletic player we've seen in a long time. She really worked on her game last summer and she has made great improvements, mentally as well as physically. She has really worked on her course management and is getting better and better. I expect her to be a solid player this year."

Palmer said, "It's great fun to have that amount of depth and to know that these players are working hard to beat each other out. That's what makes it competitive and what makes the team stronger."

The women's team competed in four fall tournaments, placing second of 12 in the final event, the Ross Resorts Invitational at Southern Pines, North Carolina.

"It was a productive fall," Palmer said. "We got things going. We saw Darby win two tournaments, two individual titles, and she played great. I'm really optimistic. This is a hard-working group."

Tide Wants To Build On Success

by Damon Holt

Both men and women earn pre-season national ranks after 2003 achievements

Almost quietly, Alabama tennis has moved into the national limelight. Pretty good for teams that will play most of their home matches on the student recreation courts this spring. To be sure, no one in the Crimson Tide tennis family is complaining about the facilities situation. True, the Bama tennis stadium adjacent to the Alabama Football Building is no more, razed to make way for expansion of the Football Building and installation of an additional football practice field.

But construction of a new \$4 million tennis facility is underway and scheduled for completion in mid-May. When finished the new facility will be among the best in college tennis. Until then the Tide will use the 12-court student recreation tennis facility for its home outdoor matches. The recreation courts, like the new tennis stadium, are adjacent to the student recreation center.

While the teams can physically be found at their new site, in the world of tennis it is noteworthy that both the men's team of Coach Billy Pate and the women's team of Coach Jenny Mainz can be found among the nationally-ranked.

Pre-season rankings by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association have the Crimson Tide men at number 20 and the women number 30. (Weekly rankings begin February 24 with computer rankings beginning March 23.)

In addition to the team rankings, the senior Bama men's doubles team of Stephen Mitchell and Chris Gostek was ranked 13th and Mitchell was ranked 63rd in singles.

Bama rankings should not be a surprise as the 2004 season begins because both squads had banner seasons in 2003.

In men's tennis, there is not a great deal of difference in being nationally competitive and being competitive in the Southeastern Conference. In 2003 Alabama's men's tennis team finished 15th in the nation...but only sixth in the SEC. Bama was



Leading the way for Alabama's nationally-ranked tennis teams this spring will be Robin Stephenson and Stephen Mitchell.
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one of 11 SEC teams to make the NCAA field (Tennessee the only league member to stay at home). In the national championship

finals, the conference was represented by Vanderbilt.

And while Alabama lost seven seniors

from the 2003 team that advanced to the Sweet 16, the belief is that this season Bama has the potential to surpass last year's performance.

The lynchpin of the 2004 will be three seniors who have all been mainstays in the Tide's top-six lineup for the past three years: Stephen Mitchell, Chris Gostek and Christian Brodersen. These three have combined to represent Alabama in an astonishing 495 singles and doubles matches, and have posted a .632 winning percentage (313-182). Gostek was named team MVP in 2003 and 2001, while Brodersen took the honor in 2002.

Mitchell (Cape Town, South Africa) will likely be at the top of the lineup in both singles and doubles. Mitchell is one of the best doubles players in the country and with fellow senior and partner Gostek (Toronto, Canada) could compete for national honors. Gostek will likely occupy the number two singles spot.

Second-year head Coach Billy Pate said Mitchell has improved his game after going toe-to-toe with the nation's second-ranked player in the NCAA tournament. Mitchell's match against Baylor's Benedict Dorsch was stalemated when the Bears clinched the team victory. The two had split sets and were battling early in the third when the match ended.

"Stephen has worked exceptionally hard since last spring," Pate said. "I am proud of his technical and physical development which has made him exceptionally versatile." Mitchell is team captain.

"Chris has also made tremendous strides since NCAA's last year and should have a breakout year in the top portion of our lineup," Pate said. "His dedication to strength and conditioning is paying dividends as he is much more aggressive in becoming a true all-court player. In addition, his ability to battle and find ways to win will be critical."

Christian Brodersen (Heinsberg, Germany) rounds out the stellar senior. Brodersen has the most singles wins of any active player (63), including 27 wins in 2003. Most of his wins have come at the number five and six positions, and he is expected to solidify the bottom half of the Tide's lineup again in 2004.

"Christian has been our most valuable point numerous times," Pate said. "He has an ability to frustrate his opponents and exploit their weaknesses."

Pate will be looking to blend the old and the new with five newcomers, four of them freshmen.

Eric Molnar, a 6-2, 177-pound player from Guelph, Ontario, was the number one 18-

and-under and number two overall singles player in Canada last year. "Eric is a top-level signee and will make a huge impact," Pate said. "Though Eric is still a young, raw talent, he has a huge offensive game. His doubles game is superb because of his outstanding skills for attacking. He has a tremendous work ethic."

Freshmen Mike Green (Port St. Lucie, Florida) and Joseph Jung (Deerfield Beach, Florida) are also looking for a spot in the lineup. Both have the advantage of spending the fall season with the team, but Jung's consistent play and his 7-4 fall singles record gives him the inside track to make an immediate contribution.

"Much like Brodersen, Joseph is a crafty player with a talent for breaking down his opponents through a variety of tactics," Pate said. "He has soft hands for outstanding touch and control and possesses great skill for changing speeds and attacking at the right time. He is a proven winner from his success in international junior tournaments."

"Mike is one of the more offensively explosive players on our team and in the SEC. His athleticism is second to none. At times in the fall, he demonstrated the ability to win at a very high level. If he can harness his power with more control and add some variety to his game, he should have a successful freshman season."

Another January 2004 arrival, Tom McVey (Broughton, Wales), will be competing for a spot. The youngest of seven children in his family, McVey graduated a year early from Sagemont High School in Weston, Florida.

"Tom is an exceptionally hard-working, intelligent player who brings a wealth of talent and ambition to our team. His experience and ability to compete, coupled with his all-court game should allow him to see substantial playing time right away."

The Tide is also expecting help from junior newcomer R.J. Murray, who transferred in January from North Carolina State. He played number one for the Wolfpack.

"R.J. is an experienced all-courter who should make an impact," Pate said. "He has been through the rigors of playing at the top of a line-up and competing against top-notch competition. I expect him to be a force in our doubles line-up while seeing consistent action in singles."

The women's squad of Coach Jenny Mainz won the SEC Western Division a year ago and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament. Surprisingly, the leaders back from that team are sophomores.

Mainz's 2004 team is devoid of any juniors or seniors. Instead, the team will feature five sophomores as its "veteran" players. Two freshmen fill the void of four players gone from last year's team. Youth is not something new to Mainz, however.

"We started five freshmen in the NCAA last year," Mainz said. "That was very rewarding for them and also an invaluable experience. They gained a lot of confidence from their experience in big-time matches."

"This season will be a true test of the maturity of this young team. Last year our freshmen competed like veterans. This year we will look for experience, stability and leadership from them."

Looking at those sophomores: Robin Stephenson, the top returner, played at number two and three singles a year ago and was a combined 16-4 at those positions. She was 12-8 in doubles play.

"With a year of college experience, I think Robin can make a profound impact at the top of our lineup," Mainz said. "I believe she's ready and she has the talent. She put in a lot of work over the summer and definitely has the desire to be a team leader."

Ashley Bentley went 12-7 playing the number three, four and five singles and was 18-6 in doubles. Bentley was a key piece of last year's divisional title team and will be needed to take on tougher competition in 2004.

Nathalie Koppelle, 14-7 in singles play last year, played in the four, five and six singles positions and was 16-10 in doubles play. The Holland native had the second most wins in singles play among returning players.

Also returning are Melissa Minor and Natalie McElveen. Minor was 5-1 at five and six singles and 5-2 in doubles. Minor played sparingly last season but will be counted on heavily this year. McElveen was 5-5 at number six singles and 7-5 in doubles.

Joining the five sophomores are two freshmen from outside the United States, Mari Muller from Rio Negro, Argentina, and Sonja Nikolic from Garmisch, Germany.

Mainz was named Intercollegiate Tennis Association South Region Coach of the Year in 2003, and her ability to draw consistently solid play from such a young squad will be tested again in 2004. Still, Mainz is determined not to lower her sights, and her goals for the coming season are to win the overall SEC title and to make a deeper run in the NCAA's.

"Our team has set the bar very high," said Mainz. "I think they want to win more than just the division."

Shula Seems Headed For Victory

by Freddie Kirby

Alabama in homestretch of banner recruiting year

There are various ways to judge a recruiting class. Coaches, of course, insist that a class cannot be judged until several years later. But in the meantime, fans want to know the winners and losers. The best criteria include getting players that others wanted, getting players that fit needs, and getting players who are decent students and good citizens.

Even before the ink is dry on scholarship papers on Wednesday, February 4 (Signing Day), a number of recruiting analysts will issue ratings of how colleges have fared in adding new talent. Going into the final days, it appears that by any standard Alabama will have done very well.

Alabama had the disadvantage of only 19 scholarships, which is actually the number of new signees who may report to The University before next season. Beginning in 2005 the Tide will be back at the normal NCAA limit of 25 new signees. Though it may have seemed a disadvantage to have a new head coach, Mike Shula has obviously resonated well with prospects and their families. It doesn't hurt that he is attractive, intelligent, and has a true love for Alabama, having been recruited to Bama himself some 21 years ago.

This recruiting season had some urgency. Not only had Alabama suffered through a 4-9 season, the Tide had also lost some top players at key positions. Bama is probably selling "playing time" to prospects, and that issue ranks among the highest in recruiting.

Among the things that Alabama had to consider in recruiting are:

- Establishing itself with high school players in the state of Alabama. Unquestionably, this mission has been accomplished. Two weeks before signing day, Alabama had commitments from seven of the state's top 10, 14 of the top 20, and 19 of the top 30. Alabama's primary in-state competitor had a commitment from only one player ranked in the top 30, and none in the top 25. There have been a few successes by out-of-state schools getting a prospect or two, but no one

doubts that Bama has been successful in defending its turf.

- Filling immediate needs. So far, this is a mixed bag. The Tide is still hoping to land a big running back. Alabama has done an excellent job in adding defensive backs. Bama has a number of offensive and defensive linemen and a handful of wide receivers, both key needs, but one key aspect in recruiting may affect the rating in line and receivers. That is...

- Getting players who are academically eligible. Although it is possible that Bama will have only minor attrition due to academics, Coach Shula has acknowledged that the Tide is aware of the possibility that some signees might not be eligible. It should be noted that no player currently committed to Alabama is absolutely sure of not being qualified, but as many as nine of the 25 committed as of this writing have work to do.

- Having a plan to oversign. In part because of a desire to land as many in-state players as possible and also because of the need to make sure there are 19 Division I caliber signees eligible to participate in the fall, Alabama is going to sign more than 19. No one would be surprised if the final number was a couple over 25, perhaps as many as 30. If there are one or more who are not academically eligible, they have options of continuing to seek eligibility, including at junior college or prep school. Otherwise, Alabama is likely to have made arrangements with some players to delay entry until January, 2005.

No one outside of the football offices at Alabama has precise knowledge of this year's recruiting plan. But an educated guess would be that Alabama wanted to sign one quarterback, one or two running backs, four or five wide receivers, three tight ends, four or five offensive linemen, four or five defensive linemen, one or two linebackers, and four or five defensive backs. It doesn't take a math major to see that a recruiting class taking the maximum at each position would include 28 signees, nine over the limit that can be brought in next year. Even minimum numbers would add up to 22, three over Bama's limit.

Although linemen are not as glamorous in recruiting coverage as backs and receivers and linebackers with their flashy statistics, no team wins championships without quality men in the trenches. It is believed that Alabama intended to sign as many as 10 linemen this year, and that goal seems to be in reach. Those committed are Justin Britt, B.J.

Stabler, Cody Davis, Drew Davis, and Antoine Caldwell on offense, and Jereamie Holifield, Chris Turner, Kevin Hamilton, and Brandon Fanney on defense.

Bama may be finished with offensive line additions, although Jeremy Jones, who was a high school tight end in Harvey, Louisiana, would be welcomed by Alabama. Jones, who could also play defensive line, is expected to sign with LSU.

Defensive linemen are more likely to play early than are offensive linemen. And this year, particularly, defensive line prospects could conceive of early playing time at Alabama, where Bama has been hit hard with losses the past two years. A number of defensive linemen are still on the board, led by 6-5, 275-pound Lorenzo Washington of Loganville, Georgia, who most expected to pick Alabama over Georgia. The Tide may also be alive with Neil Brown of Buford, Georgia, and Michael Brown of Atlanta, although Michael (who is listed as both an offensive and defensive prospect) is committed to Georgia.

Also possibly still on Bama's recruiting board are defensive linemen Walter Fisher of Nashville and Micah Howeth of Dallas.

A longshot for the Tide is Jacques McKissic, a defensive end from Opelika.

Alabama has flirted with some big names among the South's top defensive linemen, including Demonte Bolden (who will almost certainly sign with Tennessee, then head to junior college) and Brandon Miller, who is expected to choose between Florida State and Georgia.

A discussion of "line" recruits needs to include four others committed to sign with Alabama this year. Three are tight ends: Trent Davidson, Travis McCall, and Nick Walker. All are good athletes capable of playing on either the offensive or defensive line as well as tight end. Another commitment is linebacker Curtis Dawson, who many believe could step up to defensive line.

In addition to Dawson, Bama has a commitment from linebacker Jake Wingo of Tuscaloosa. He's the son of former all-star linebacker Rich Wingo. Wingo is a little undersized and could end up as a strong safety.

Bama may want one more linebacker. The leading candidate is Steve Gandy of Waynesboro, Mississippi. Kris Guyton of Tuscaloosa Hillcrest is an outside possibility.

The primary need among skill position players is at wide receiver, where five seniors who dominated playing time at

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those spots last fall have now completed their eligibility. Sure to be tried as wide receivers are no fewer than four who have already committed to Bama. They are Nikita Stover, generally regarded as the best wide receiver in the state and considered the best overall prospect by some; Marcel Stamps, who was almost an unknown prior to the start of the season; Will Oakley, who was the leading receiver in the state of Florida, a mecca of top skill position players; and Keith Brown, who played last season at Pensacola after having starred in Gulfport, Mississippi, in track and football in 2001 and 2002.

Two others who are committed could be wide receivers or could play another position. Ezekiel Knight is one of the top all-around athletes in the state. He could be a tight end or linebacker. Aaron McDaniel could join his prep teammate, Marcus Carter, as a defensive back if he's not used at receiver.

Bama also has a commitment from Titus Ryan, formerly of Tuscaloosa County High, who played at East Central (Mississippi) Community College, but who has reportedly dropped out of school and thus will not be eligible.

Alabama is still involved with some very good wide receivers, including Larry Kendrick, the nation's top junior college prospect; another of the best in the Florida panhandle D.J. Hall; and Adrian Smith of Rome, Georgia.

Alabama also lost most of its running offense in the graduation of tailback Shaud Williams, and that running back spot is one of recruiting importance. Bama has one man committed, and Aaron Johns had dazzling statistics at Thomasville High. But Johns is a small back, 5-10, 182, and Bama hopes to add a larger tailback as well. The top candidates are Markus Manson of Tuscaloosa Hillcrest and Lavarus Giles of Benoit, Mississippi. Although Manson committed to Florida very early, he continued to make recruiting trips, leaving the door open. He was

to visit Alabama the final weekend before signing day—along with three of his prep teammates (offensive lineman Cody Davis, linebacker Jake Wingo, and defensive back Travis Robinson) who are committed to Alabama. Both Manson and Giles are in the 6-1, 200-pound range.

In the secondary, Bama has done very well. Simeon Castille is considered by many to be the state's top prospect. Marcus Carter, who originally committed to Auburn, was called the best strong safety in Alabama. And Travis Robinson of Tuscaloosa Hillcrest has an excellent reputation as a "cover cornerback." There is also the chance that McDaniel could be a defensive back, and the Tide has the chance of landing some quality walk-on players.

Alabama seems to be in good shape at quarterback, but this is a position where it is prudent to add a quality player whenever possible, and hopefully at least one in each recruiting class. This year Bama will add one, John Parker Wilson, the quarterback of state 6A champion Hoover. Wilson is also a top baseball prospect whose name could emerge in the upcoming Major League Baseball draft. Alabama lost its only 2003 quarterback signee, Cliff Davis, to the baseball draft. Wilson has said he will play baseball at Bama. There has been speculation that he will delay entry to Bama until January, 2005, preserving a year of eligibility and freeing up a scholarship this year.

Alabama appears to be exploring the "grayshirt" avenue more seriously than ever this year. And this is also a year in which the Bryant Scholarship could pay dividends for the football team.

The term grayshirt was used by the Dennis Franchione staff, which was the first to face reduced scholarships. The staff wanted to take players who were capable of helping the team, but whose services could be delayed a year. That also meant their scholarships would be deferred. It is a system of future recruiting.

Among those in this list of commitments who have been discussed in the media and among recruiting services as possible grayshirts are quarterback John Parker Wilson, offensive lineman Drew Davis, and wide receiver Marcel Stamps.

The Bryant Scholarship qualifies as Institutional Financial Aid under bylaw 15.02.1. NCAA Bylaw 15.02.1 is financial aid that is administered by an institution, if the institution, through its regular committee or other agency for the awarding of financial aid to students generally, makes the final determination of the student-athlete who is to receive the award and of its value.

How does it affect football? Currently, for a full scholarship football student-athlete, the student-athlete can't accept the Bryant Scholarship or he would be over his financial aid individual limit of a full scholarship. For a recruited walk-on, a student-athlete who was recruited by Bama and who receives institutional financial aid granted without regard in any degree to athletic ability (Bryant



Marcus Carter

Scholarship), does not have to be counted until the student-athlete engages in varsity intercollegiate competition. If the student-athlete does engage in varsity intercollegiate competition, the student-athlete becomes a counter. If it is a non-recruited student-athlete who receives the Bryant Scholarship, the student-athlete would not count, regardless of intercollegiate competition.

The criteria of the scholarship is not based on athletics, and can be awarded to any student (athlete or non-athlete) whose father played or worked for Coach Bryant at Alabama.

There are at least five high school football players in the state who have been identified as potential Bryant Scholarship members of Bama's football team next year. Simeon Castille who is already committed, is the son of former Tide player Jeremiah Castille. Simeon, however, will be on football scholarship, not a Bryant Scholarship, as is his brother, Tim.

Four who may choose to attend Alabama using this opportunity are Jake Wingo; Tyrone King, Jr. (his father died last spring), cornerback from Minor High School in Adamsville; Jonathan Lowe, (son of Eddie Lowe), slotback, from Central of Phenix City; and wide receiver, Joe Jones (son of Joey Jones) of Mountain Brook High in Birmingham.

One final recruiting note: There is a myth that the extraordinary acts of Auburn's former president and athletics director in undermining Auburn Head Football Coach Tommy Tuberville worked to Alabama's advantage in recruiting. While prospects would certainly be wise to be wary of the stability of Auburn's athletics program, it was a non-factor against Alabama.

Alabama and Auburn were involved with only three players at the time of the Auburn debacle. While all three (Antoine Caldwell, Kevin Hamilton, and Travis McCall) picked Alabama, there was no evidence that any of the three were favoring Auburn.

ALABAMA FOOTBALL PROSPECTS

Here, listed alphabetically by position, are some of the top football prospects who have been linked to Alabama as determined by the recruiting experts of 'BAMA Magazine and BamaMag.com, including Freddie Kirby, Andrew Bone, and Scott Kennedy. Information includes height, weight, 40-yard dash time, hometown and high school or junior college. Date of official visit is in parenthesis. Those with an asterisk (*) in front of their names are committed to Alabama and the commitment date is shown. Those still considering Alabama but not committed are shown with the schools being considered. Information is as of January 25.

QUARTERBACK

*John Parker Wilson, 6-1, 185, 4.5, Birmingham Hoover (1-16)
Committed 12-22 over Tennessee

RUNNING BACK

Lavarus Giles, 6-1, 205, 4.43, Benoit, Miss., Ray Brooks (1-16)
Also considering Mississippi, Mississippi State
*Aaron Johns, 5-10, 182, 4.5, Thomasville (1-16)
Committed 4-14 over Southern Miss, Louisville
Markus Manson, 6-1, 190, 4.4, Tuscaloosa Hillcrest (1-30)
Committed to Florida, but considering Alabama, Georgia
Dennis Void, 5-11, 212, 4.4, Bridgton, Maine, Prep Academy (11-14)
Also considering Auburn, Wyoming

WIDE RECEIVER

*Keith Brown, 6-3, 190, 4.3, Pensacola, Fla. (1-16)
Committed 1-25 over Florida State, Mississippi State, Southern Miss
D.J. Hall, 6-3, 185, 4.37, Ft Walton Bch, Fla., Choctawhatchee (1-16)
Also considering Florida, Florida State, LSU, Maryland
Larry Kendrick, 6-0, 210, 4.5, Pearl River (Miss.) JC (1-9)
Also considering Auburn, Tennessee, Mississippi, Iowa State
*Ezekiel Knight, 6-3, 220, 4.6, Wedowee Randolph County (1-16)
Committed 10-28 over Auburn
*Aaron McDaniel, 6-2, 170, 4.5, Fort Payne (1-16)
Committed 9-5 over Southern Miss
*Will Oakley, 6-1, 190, 4.44, St. Augustine, Fla., Nease (1-16)
Committed 10-23 over Georgia Tech, Duke
*Titus Ryan, 6-2, 200, 4.3, Northport, East Central, Miss., JC
Committed 4-10, but not expected to graduate from JC
Adrian Smith, 6-1, 190, 4.5, Rome, Ga., Coosa
*Marcel Stamps, 6-3, 190, 4.3, Brantley (1-9)
Committed 1-12 over Auburn, Mississippi State
*Nikita Stover, 6-1, 188, 4.45, Hartselle (1-16)
Committed 8-5 over LSU, Arkansas, Clemson
Patrick White, 6-2, 180, 4.35, Daphne
Also considering West Virginia, LSU

TIGHT END

*Trent Davidson, 6-5, 242, 4.66, Brewton T.R. Miller (1-23)
Committed 9-26 over Auburn, Florida, Mississippi State
*Travis McCall, 6-2, 230, 4.7, Prattville (1-23)
Committed 1-6 over Auburn, Clemson, Mississippi
*Nick Walker, 6-6, 230, 4.8, Brundidge Pike County (1-16)
Committed 9-26 over Southern Miss, West Virginia

KICKING SPECIALIST (All walk-on candidates)

Joseph McPhillips (P), 5-11, 165, 4.7, Cullman
Allen Smith (PK), 5-8, 160, 4.8, Summerville, S.C.
Lane Stewart (PK)), Ashville, N.C., Tuscalo

OFFENSIVE LINE

*Justin Britt, 6-4, 255, 4.8, Cullman (1-16)
Committed 11-4 over Georgia, Florida, LSU
*Antoine Caldwell, 6-3, 265, 4.92, Montgomery Lee (1-16)
Committed 1-8 over Auburn, Vanderbilt, Southern Miss
*Cody Davis, 6-7, 265, 5.0, Tuscaloosa Hillcrest (1-30)
Committed 12-4 over Auburn, Clemson, Florida, South Carolina
*Drew Davis, 6-7, 285, 5.5, Evergreen Sparta Academy (1-9)
Committed 1-5 over Louisville, Mississippi State
*B.J. Stabler, 6-5, 291, 5.2, Grove Hill Clarke County (1-16)
Committed 11-15 over Auburn, Florida, South Carolina

DEFENSIVE LINE

Demonte Bolden, 6-4, 295, 4.9, Chattanooga, Tenn. (1-9)
Committed to Tennessee, but visiting Alabama, Auburn, Georgia
Michael Brown, 6-5, 270, 4.9, Atlanta Westlake (1-30)
Committed to Georgia, but expected to visit Bama
Neil Brown, 6-1, 248, 4.9, Buford, Ga. (1-30)
Also considering Duke, Tennessee, Michigan State, North Carolina
*Brandon Fanney, 6-5, 260, 4.7, Morristown, Tenn., Hamblen West (1-9)
Committed 1-11 over Virginia Tech, Virginia
Walter Fisher, 6-4, 240, 4.8, Nashville, Tenn., Hillsboro
Also considering Florida, Colorado, MTSU
*Kevin Hamilton, 6-4, 240, 4.88, Prattville (1-23)
Committed 12-29 over Auburn, Arkansas, LSU
*Jeramie Holifield, 6-5, 250, 4.6, Birmingham Hoover (1-16)
Committed 12-22 over LSU, Auburn, Tennessee
Micah Howeth, 6-2, 236, 4.8, Dallas, Texas, White
Also considering Kansas, Kansas State, Oregon, Baylor
Jeremy Jones, 6-4, 280, Harvey, La., West Jefferson (1-16)
Also considering Auburn, LSU, Mississippi State
*Chris Turner, 6-3, 285, 4.8, Northwest, Miss., CC (12-5)
Committed 12-22 over LSU, Miami, Mississippi State, Texas Tech
Lorenzo Washington, 6-5, 275, 4.7, Loganville, Ga., Grayson (1-9)
Also considering Georgia

LINEBACKER

*Curtis Dawson, 6-1, 255, 4.7, Birmingham Hoover (1-16)
Committed 12-19 over Auburn, LSU, Tennessee
Steve Gandy, 6-1, 190, 4.4, Waynesboro, Miss., Wayne County (1-16)
Also considering Auburn, Mississippi
Kris Guyton, 6-3, 210, 4.58, Tuscaloosa Hillcrest
Also considering Southern Miss, Mississippi State
*Jake Wingo, 6-0, 200, Tuscaloosa Hillcrest (1-30)
Committed 1-13 over Clemson

DEFENSIVE BACK

*Marcus Carter, 6-0, 186, 4.5, Fort Payne (1-16)
Committed 1-8 over Auburn
*Simeon Castille, 6-1, 185, 4.45, Birmingham Briarwood Christian (1-16)
Committed 1-3 over LSU
Tyrone King, Jr., 6-0, 185, 4.46, Adamsville Minor
Also considering Southern Miss, Mississippi State
Chauncey Malone, 6-0, 187, 4.4, Tuscaloosa, Shelton State CC
Walk-on possibility
*Travis Robinson, 5-10, 180, 4.35, Tuscaloosa Hillcrest (1-30)
Committed 11-06 over Arkansas, Auburn

Goode Could Have Been Best Ever

by Erik Stinnett

A look back at one of the best in Bama history, and what he thinks today

Kerry Goode stood there beaming, soaking in the moment as cameras flashed around him. Who could blame the sensational sophomore running back if he wanted to savor the moment a little? Not only had he led Alabama back to prominence after a couple of sub-par seasons, but, in the process, he was now about to become the Crimson Tide's first-ever Heisman Trophy winner.

The voting had been close, though. Boston

College quarterback Doug Flutie had one whale of a year. Of course, so had Goode. The Town Creek product had set school records for rushing yards and touchdowns in Bama's championship season. Fittingly, it all began with Goode's outdueling of Flutie way back on September 8 in Birmingham.

That was how the 1984 Alabama football season was supposed to play out for sophomore tailback Kerry Goode. And Goode's second season at The Capstone certainly started off in Heisman-like fashion that early September Saturday night at Legion Field in Birmingham. For more than two quarters in Alabama's season-opener against Boston College, Goode was a one-man wrecking crew. His second half kickoff return for a touchdown upped his all-purpose yardage for the game to 297 yards, and with most of two quarters still left to play his final yardage for the game figured to be absolutely monstrous.

"My reaction time was just right on the money," Goode said, reflecting on that autumn

night nearly 20 years ago. "You just get a feeling that you're moving a little faster than everybody else. That's what it was like. When you're having those kinds of nights, you're just thinking, 'Give it to me, give it to me.'"

But not long after that electrifying touchdown run—Goode's third score against the Eagles—came a called sweep. One play. One cut. One blown-out knee. Kerry Goode would never be the same again.

"I just stopped to plant and my foot got caught in the turf, and I blew it out," Goode said.

Two days later, Goode was on the operating table as surgeons worked to repair his torn ACL, MCL and posterior ligament. Goode, who was in a cast from his toe to his hip for several weeks, didn't play the rest of that season.

"I think our year could have been a lot different if he hadn't gotten hurt," said Paul Ott Carruth, who replaced Goode at running back and finished the season with a team-high 782 yards. "I could have played fullback some, but with him getting hurt, I had to stay at halfback the whole time."



Kerry Goode was a prospect for Crimson Tide stardom before a serious knee injury at the beginning of his sophomore season. (His quarterback, number 11, was Mike Shula.)

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Goode returned to the field in 1985, but he lasted only four games before re-injuring the knee against Penn State. Still, Goode refused to give up, making it back on the field for the 1986 and 1987 seasons. Most of his action, though, in those final two seasons came from the fullback position as he led the way for record-setting running back Bobby Humphrey. Goode did get a few opportunities to carry the ball, but it was obvious he wasn't the same player he was on opening night 1984.

"I had lost some lateral movement," he said. "I could still see things, but I had trouble getting to where I wanted to go."

That didn't keep Goode from trying, even though, looking back now, he believes he was never given a real shot to reclaim his starting running back job.

"I knew that a running back with a bum knee is no longer a running back," Goode said, "but if it could be done, I figured, 'Why not me?' I put everything I could into it to get back on the field and do the things I used to do, but it just didn't happen."

What if, however, Legion Field had had a grass surface at that time instead of artificial turf? What if doctors, surgeons and rehabilitation specialists knew then what they know now? Goode believes the playing out of either one of those scenarios would have resulted in a marked difference in his collegiate career. But he doesn't let such hypotheticals consume him.

"You always think about the what-ifs, but you have to accept what really is," the 38-year-old said. "You always like to think that if I was given another shot, I could have done some amazing things. But it just wasn't in the cards for me."

Despite his injury and his subsequent move to fullback, Goode did make it to the NFL in his preferred role as running back. He played for Tampa Bay, Denver and finally Miami with his best year being his rookie season at Tampa Bay. Again, though, injuries took their toll. A shoulder injury suffered in his last game at Alabama continued to hamper Goode early in his NFL career.

And when the same bad knee blew out for a second time while he was in Denver, Goode knew his days as a professional running back were numbered.

"I don't know if he ever really got back to where he was before the knee surgery, but he was still pretty doggone good," Carruth said.

Following his retirement as a player, he spent five seasons—from 1993 to 1997—with the New York Giants, serving as the team's assistant strength and conditioning coach. That was followed by three seasons in a similar capacity with the St. Louis Rams. In 2001 he landed a couple of jobs with the now-defunct XFL, serving as community relations director and corporate sales manager for the Southeast Region teams.

After the XFL folded, Goode took some time off before becoming a Homeland Security officer. Then in April 2003, aiming to spend more time at home and less time on the road, he went to work for Ryder vehicle sales in Atlanta. He and his wife, Tanja, have three



Kerry Goode

boys: Brooks, 8, Devin, 6, and Roman, 4. "I enjoy being a father," Goode said. "I wouldn't trade it for the world."

In addition to staying busy with his job and raising a family, Goode still finds time to follow his old team. He attended two games in 2003—the Georgia and LSU games—and watched Alabama's other games on television. Goode spoke briefly with former teammate and current Head Coach Mike Shula prior to the season but had no more contact with him once the games started.

"I didn't want to interrupt him during the season," said Goode, who holds the distinction of being the player who caught the first of Shula's 35 career touchdown passes. "Plus, I know how it feels when you're on that side and not playing well."

Even though he was sidelined with injury, Goode still remembers the feeling of going through Alabama's 5-6 season of 1984. This year's 4-9 season, he said, had a lot of parallels with that 1984 team, but what makes today's situation a little tougher, he noted, is the lack of depth due to recent scholarship reductions.

"You could see that in some of the games this year when in the fourth quarter they just didn't have it," he said. "But no one is going to feel sorry for them. They've just got to go out there and continue to work. That's the only way to get through it. And" he added, "Alabama fans need to keep fighting with the team and not give up on them."

Goode believes that Alabama has an excellent head coach in Shula. "He grew up around it," Goode said. "If you're around it all the time, you're constantly picking things up. He's probably picked up things he didn't even know he was picking up. Other than that, he's the same Mike he was when I played with him. He's pretty much mild-mannered and isn't a hoop-and-holler type of guy. But he can still get his point across."

Goode also believes Shula has two assistants he can really lean on in Offensive Coordinator

Dave Rader and Defensive Coordinator Joe Kines, both of whom coached at Alabama when Goode and Shula were players. "You've got to have people in your corner," Goode said.

Goode isn't the only member of his family still keeping tabs on the Crimson Tide. Kerry's three brothers also starred at The Capstone. Two of them are still involved in football—Chris as an assistant coach with the Arena Football League's Birmingham Steeldogs and Pierre as a head coach in Alabama's high school ranks. Clyde is now living in Montgomery and working for a pharmaceutical company.

Of the four, it's probably Kerry's career at Alabama that Bama fans remember most. And of all the games Goode played, the one Bama fans recall the most is that fateful Boston College game.

"That just goes along with the territory," he said. "I would rather have them remember me for something good rather than something like what Leon Lett (of the Dallas Cowboys) did. Or I could be in the position of Gene Jelks. You mention his name and the first thing that people think about is probation."

For Goode, every game was a personal challenge. "I always looked at the other team and figured out who their main man was," Goode said. "I knew if I outrushed that guy, the chances of us winning would go up dramatically—especially if the other guy was somebody like Bo Jackson or (LSU's) Dalton Hilliard."

Unfortunately, the opportunities for Goode to measure himself against the best were fewer than he had hoped.

"I enjoyed my time (at Alabama)," said Goode, one of Alabama's two permanent team captains in 1987. "But for me, it was the site of a lot of unfulfilled dreams due to injury. I just never got healthy enough to fulfill what I wanted to do while I was there."

One of his aspirations was to be standing where Doug Flutie stood when he accepted the Heisman Trophy. Kerry Goode knows he could have been Alabama's first to win the award and that was one of his goals. And when he thinks about that possibility, he can't help but hearken back to the Boston College game.

"We were up 31-7, and, as it turned out, that was the start of Flutie's comebacks," Goode said. "They came back to win 38-31. Then later on that season, Flutie had the Hail Mary pass to beat Miami. Week-in and week-out, that's what I would have been competing against."

Would Goode have done enough to earn the title of the nation's best college football player? If not in 1984, perhaps 1985 or 1986? No one will ever know. But if that night in Birmingham proved anything, it was that Goode had that potential.

Two decades later, Carruth, for one, hasn't forgotten that indelible image of Goode slicing through opposing defenses.

"He had real good speed, and he was real smooth," Carruth said. "He wasn't one to juke a lot, but he could cut real well. For him, it was like one move and he's gone. And two, he had pretty good size and decent strength. Kerry was a good player and a good person."

2004 Alabama Spring Sports Schedules

Baseball

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb 13	New Orleans	6:30
Feb 14	New Orleans	4:00
Feb 15	New Orleans	2:00
Feb 18	@ Jacksonville State	6:30
Feb 20	Cincinnati	6:30
Feb 21	Cincinnati	4:00
Feb 22	Cincinnati	2:00
Feb 25	Centenary	6:30
Feb 27	SE Louisiana	6:30
Feb 28	SE Louisiana	4:00
Feb 29	SE Louisiana	2:00
Mar 3	UAB	6:30
Centenary Gent Classic (Fairgrounds Field, Shreveport)		
Mar 5	Louisiana Tech	5:00
Mar 6	Centenary	8:00
Mar 7	Kansas State	Noon
Mar 10	Southern Miss	6:30
Mar 12	SE Missouri State	6:30
Mar 13	SE Missouri State	4:00
Mar 14	SE Missouri State	2:00
Mar 17	@ B'ham Southern	6:30
Mar 19	@ Georgia	7:00 ET
Mar 20	@ Georgia	4:00 ET
Mar 21	@ Georgia	1:00 ET
Mar 24	Morehead State	6:30
Mar 26	Mississippi	6:30
Mar 27	Mississippi	4:00
Mar 28	Mississippi	1:00
Mar 31	@ South Alabama	6:00
Apr 2	@ Arkansas	6:35
Apr 3	@ Arkansas	2:05
Apr 4	@ Arkansas	12:30
Apr 6	Louisiana Tech	6:30
Apr 9	Vanderbilt	6:30
Apr 10	Vanderbilt	4:00
Apr 11	Vanderbilt	2:00
Apr 14	@ UAB	TBA
Apr 16	Auburn	6:30
Apr 17	Auburn	4:00
Apr 18	Auburn	2:00
Apr 21	Samford	6:30
Apr 23	@ So. Carolina	7:00 ET
Apr 24	@ So. Carolina	4:00 ET-TV
Apr 25	@ So. Carolina	1:30 ET
Apr 28	Miss. Valley State	6:30
Apr 30	@ LSU	6:30
May 1	@ LSU	2:00
May 2	@ LSU	1:00
May 7	Florida	6:30
May 8	Florida	4:00
May 9	Florida	Noon
May 14	@ Kentucky	6:30 ET
May 15	@ Kentucky	2:00 ET
May 16	@ Kentucky	Noon ET
May 21	Mississippi State	6:30
May 22	Mississippi State	4:00
May 23	Mississippi State	2:00
May 26	SEC Tournament	
May 30	(Hoover, Alabama)	TBA
June 4	NCAA Regional	
June 6	(Campus Sites)	TBA
June 11	NCAA Super Regional	
June 14	(Campus Sites)	TBA
June 18	College World Series	
June 28	Omaha, Nebraska	TBA

All Times Central unless noted.

Softball

Date	Opponent	Time
Stanford	Spring Classic @ Palo Alto	
Feb. 6-	(San Jose State, TBA	
Feb. 8	Stanford)	
Bama Bash		
Feb. 13-	(Albany, Lipscomb, TBA	
Feb. 15	Eastern Kentucky)	
Palm Springs (Calif.) Classic		
Feb. 20-	(Arizona, Fullerton, TBA	
Feb. 22	Northwestern, Pacific,	
	U.S. Olympic Team)	
Frost Classic @ Chattanooga		
Feb. 27-	(Marshall, No Texas, TBA	
Feb. 29	Chattanooga, U-T Martin,	
	Wisconsin, Tenn Tech)	
Mar 2	Samford	7:00
Mar 6	@ Arkansas (2)	12:00
Mar 7	@ Arkansas	12:00
Mar 10	Jacksonville State	6:00
Mar 13	Tennessee (2)	1:00
Mar 14	Tennessee	1:30
Mar 16	Tulsa	6:30
Mar 17	Alabama State	6:30
Mar 20	@ Kentucky (2)	1:00
Mar 21	@ Kentucky	1:00
Mar 23	Florida (2)	5:00
Mar 24	Florida	5:00
Mar 27	LSU (2)	1:00
Mar 28	LSU (Fox TV)	1:00
Apr 3	@ Mississippi (2)	1:00
Apr 4	@ Mississippi	1:00
Apr 9	@ Mississippi St (2)	5:00
Apr 10	@ Mississippi St	2:00
Apr 13	@ Georgia Tech (2)	3:00
Apr 15	B'ham-Southern	7:00
Apr 17	So Carolina (2)	1:00
Apr 18	So Carolina (Fox TV)	1:00
Apr 20	@ Auburn (2)	5:00
Apr 21	@ Auburn	3:00
Apr 27	@ Bham Southern	7:00
May 1	Georgia (2)	1:00
May 2	Georgia	1:30
May 8	@ Maryland (2)	1:30
May 13-	SEC Tournament	TBA
May 16	@ Tuscaloosa	
May 20-	NCAA Regional	TBA
May 23	(Campus Sites)	
May 27-	College World Series	TBA
May 31	@ Oklahoma City, Okla.	

Men's Outdoor Track

Date	Event
Mar 18-	Alabama Relays
Mar 21	@ Tuscaloosa
Apr 2-	So Florida Invite
Apr 3	@ Tampa
Apr 10	Sun Angel Classic
	@ Tempe, Ariz.
Apr 16-	Mt. SAC Relays
Apr 17	@ Walnut, Calif.
Apr 22	Drake Relays
Apr 24	@ Des Moines
May 1	@ Ole Miss Open
May 13-	SEC Championships
May 16	@ Oxford, Miss.
May 28-	NCAA Regional
May 29	@ Baton Rouge
June 9-	NCAA Championships
June 12	@ Austin, Texas

Men's Tennis

Date/	Opponent	Time/
UA		Opp
5	Samford	2
7	Jacksonville St	0
Feb 5- National Team Indoors		
Feb 7	@ Seattle	
Feb 7	Troy State	9:00
Feb 7	Furman	3:00
Feb 14	@ Ohio State	3:00
Feb 20	@ South Florida	1:00
Feb 22	@ Central Florida	1:00
Feb	Middle Tennessee	3:00
Mar 5	@ Mississippi	1:00
Mar 7	@ Mississippi St	1:00
Mar 11- Blue-Gray Invitational		
Mar 14	@ Montgomery	
Mar 19	@ South Carolina	1:00
Mar 21	@ Florida	1:00
Mar 26	Vanderbilt	1:00
Mar 28	Kentucky	1:00
Mar 31	Rice	1:00
Apr 2	Arkansas	1:00
Apr 4	LSU	1:00
Apr 7	Alabama-B'ham	1:00
Apr 7	B'ham-Southern	5:00
Apr 10	Auburn	1:00
Apr 16	@ Georgia	1:00
Apr 22-	SEC Championships	
Apr 25	@ Nashville	
May 15-	NCAA Regional	
May 16	@ TBA	
May 22-	NCAA Championships	
May 31	@ Tulsa, Okla.	

Men's Golf

Date	Event
Jan 31-	Gator Invitational
Feb 1	@ Gainesville
Feb 9-	Tulane Invitational
Feb 10	@ New Orleans
Mar 1-	Cleveland Classic
Mar 2	@ Los Angeles
Mar 12-	Conrad Rehling Invite
Mar 14	@ Capstone Club
Mar 29-	Atlanta Intercollegiate
Mar 30	@ Atlanta
Apr 3-	Augusta State Invite
Apr 4	@ Augusta, Ga.
Apr 16	SEC Championships
Apr 18	@ Sea Island, Ga.
May 20-	NCAA Regional
May 22	TBA
June 1-	NCAA Championships
June 4	@ Hot Springs, Va.

Women's Tennis

Date/	Opponent	Time/
UA		Opp
4	Louisville	3
Jan 31	@ Harvard	9:00
Feb 8	@ Miami	11:00
Feb 15	Florida State	Noon
Feb 20	@ Houston	2:00
Feb 21	SMU @ Houston	Noon
Feb 22	@ Rice	Noon
Feb 27	Georgia	3:00
Feb 29	@ Tennessee	1:00
Mar 5	Mississippi	3:00
Mar 7	Mississippi State	1:00
Mar 14	Michigan	Noon
Mar 19	South Carolina	3:00
Mar 21	Florida	1:00
Mar 26	@ Vanderbilt	2:30
Mar 28	@ Kentucky	Noon
Apr 2	@ Arkansas	2:00
Apr 4	@ LSU	Noon
Apr 9	Marquette	3:00
Apr 11	@ Auburn	1:00
Apr 13	South Alabama	3:00
Apr 15-	SEC Championships	
Apr 18	@ Nashville	
May 14-	NCAA Regional	
May 16	@ TBA	
May 20-	NCAA Championships	
May 29	@ Athens, Ga.	

Women's Golf

Date	Event
Feb 9-	Tulane Invitational
Feb 10	@ New Orleans
Feb 22-	Saguaro Classic
Feb. 24	@ Tucson, Ariz.
Mar 5-	Cleveland Classic
Mar 7	@ Baton Rouge
Mar 12-	Lady Gamecock
Mar 14	@ Blythewood, SC
Mar 26-	Liz Murphey Classic
Mar 28	@ Athens, Ga.
Apr 16-	SEC Championships
Apr 18	@ Baton Rouge
May 6-	NCAA Regional
May 8	@ Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla.
May 18-	NCAA Championships
May 21	@ Auburn

Women's Outdoor Track

Date	Event
Mar 18-	Alabama Relays
Mar 21	@ Tuscaloosa
Apr 3	Crimson Tide Classic
	@ Tuscaloosa
Apr 8-	Sea Ray Relays
Apr 10	@ Knoxville
Apr 15-	Mt. SAC Relays
Apr 17	@ Walnut, Calif.
Apr 16	Pomona Invitational
	@ Pomona, Calif.
Apr 17	Long Beach Invitational
	@ Long Beach, Calif.
Apr 22-	Drake Relays
Apr 24	@ Des Moines
May 1	LSU Invitational
	@ Baton Rouge
May 8	Orange & Purple Invite
	@ Clemson, S.C.
May 13-	SEC Championships
May 16	@ Oxford, Miss.
May 28-	NCAA Regional
May 29	@ Baton Rouge
June 9-	NCAA Championships
June 12	@ Austin, Texas

2003-04 Alabama Winter Sports Results

Men's Basketball

Date/	Opponent	CST/TV/
UA		Opp.
75	Global Sports (Exh.)	69
	Coaches Vs. Cancer	
	@ Madison Square Garden, New York	
62	Pittsburgh	71
59	Louisiana Tech	63
83	Southeastern Louisiana	76
71	@ Providence	76
79	NC-Charlotte	72
65	Austin Peay	47
72	Athletes In Action (Exh.)	77
76	Tennessee-Chattanooga	72
	Las Vegas Showdown	
87	Oregon	86
101	Mercer	44
71	Wisconsin	56
47	@ Xavier	68
66	@ LSU	70
81	Arkansas	65
69	Auburn	46
45	@ Georgia	42
60	@ Mississippi	71
Jan. 27	Florida	7:30/ESPN2
Jan. 31	LSU	7:00/FoxSouth
Feb. 4	@ South Carolina	6:30
Feb. 10	@ Kentucky	6:00/ESPN
Feb. 14	Tennessee	2:00/J-P
Feb. 18	Vanderbilt	7:00
Feb. 21	@ Mississippi State	3:00/CBS
Feb. 24	@ Auburn	8:00/ESPN
Feb. 28	Mississippi	3:00/J-P
March 3	@ Arkansas	7:00/J-P
March 6	Mississippi State	TBA
March 11	SEC Tournament	TBA/J-P, CBS
March 14	@ Atlanta	

Men's Swimming

Date/	Opponent	CST/
UA		Opp.
138	@ LSU	99
	Delta State Invitational	
122	Delta State	18
101	Drury	39
94	Louisiana-Monroe	46
77	@ Auburn	149
Dec. 5-7	Georgia Invitational	All Day
Dec. 15-	Training Camp	All Day
Dec. 21	@ Colorado Springs, Colo.	
112	Georgia	174
141	Georgia Tech	100
137	@ Florida State	103
94	@ Florida	135
Jan. 30	@ South Carolina	3:00
Jan. 31	Clemson, North Carolina St.	
	@ Raleigh	11:00
Feb. 11-15	US Nationals	All Day
	@ Orlando, Fla.	
Feb. 25-28	SEC Championships	All Day
	@ Athens, Ga.	
Mar. 5	Last Chance @ Auburn	TBA
Mar. 12-14	NCAA Zone Diving	All Day
	@ Athens, Ga.	
Mar. 25-	NCAA Championships	All Day
Mar. 27	@ Long Island, N.Y.	

Women's Basketball

Date	Opponent	CST
98	Berry College (Exh.)	66
60	Premier Players (Exh.)	71
76	@ Michigan	74
	Rocky Mountain Invite @ Ft Collins, Colo.	
56	Boston College	77
84	Long Beach State	66
81	Jacksonville State	52
76	Texas-San Antonio	63
51	Virginia Tech	68
83	Tennessee Tech	61
	Central Florida Classic @ Orlando, Fla.	
77	Bethune-Cookman	44
63	Central Florida	41
55	@ Florida International	61
77	@ Santa Clara	65
70	Houston	76
61	@ Middle Tennessee	65
74	South Carolina	71
67	Mississippi	62
51	@ Tennessee	72
61	@ Auburn	70
57	Mississippi State	65
Jan. 29	@ Florida	6:00
Feb. 1	@ Georgia	1:00
Feb. 5	LSU	7:00
Feb. 8	Vanderbilt	2:00
Feb. 12	@ South Carolina	6:00
Feb. 15	Arkansas	2:00
Feb. 22	@ Kentucky	1:00
Feb. 26	Auburn	7:00
Feb. 29	@ Mississippi State	2:00
March 4-	SEC Tournament	TBA
March 7	@ Nashville	

Women's Swimming

Date/	Opponent	CST/
UA		Opp.
137	@ LSU	104
	Delta State Invitational	
117	Delta State	23
84	Drury	54
106	Louisiana-Monroe	34
92	@ Auburn	134
Dec. 5-7	Georgia Invitational	All Day
Dec. 15-	Training Camp	All Day
Dec. 21	@ Colorado Springs, Colo.	
106	Georgia	179
144	Georgia Tech	99
93	@ Florida State	149
82	@ Florida	146
Jan. 30	@ South Carolina	3:00
Jan. 31	Clemson, North Carolina St.	
	@ Raleigh	11:00
Feb. 11-15	US Nationals	All Day
	@ Orlando, Fla.	
Feb. 25-28	SEC Championships	All Day
	@ Athens, Ga.	
Feb. 29	Last Chance @ Athens	All Day
Mar. 12-14	NCAA Zone Diving	All Day
	@ Athens, Ga.	
Mar. 20-	NCAA Championships	All Day
Mar. 22	@ College Station, Texas	

Gymnastics

Date	Opponent	CST
Jan. 9	Super Six Challenge	7:00
	(Alabama 196.725, Florida 195.950, Georgia 195.550, Oklahoma 195.275, Oregon State) 193.775, Denver 193.600	
197.125	Penn State	194.600
197.600	@ LSU	196.775
Jan. 30	Florida	7:30
Feb. 6	@ Auburn	7:00
Feb. 13	@ Kentucky	6:30
Feb. 20	Georgia	7:30
Feb. 27	Arkansas	7:30
March 12	@ Michigan	7:00
March 20	SEC Championships	6:00
	@ Gwinnett, Georgia	
April 3	NCAA Regionals @ TBA	
April 15-	NCAA Championships	
April 17	@ Los Angeles	

Men's Indoor Track

Date	Event
Jan. 16-17	Kentucky Invitational @ Lexington, Ky.
Jan. 23-24	Niswonger Invitational @ Johnson City, Tenn.
Feb. 6-7	Meyo Invitational @ South Bend, Ind.
Feb. 13-14	Tyson Invitational @ Fayetteville, Ark.
Feb. 28-29	SEC Championships @ Lexington, Ky.
March 5-6	Last Chance @ South Bend, Ind.
Mar. 12-13	NCAA Championships @ Fayetteville, Ark.

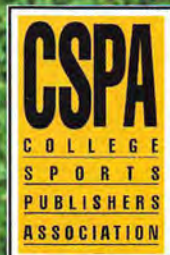
Women's Indoor Track

Date	Event
Jan. 16-17	Kentucky Invitational @ Lexington, Ky.
Jan. 23-24	Niswonger Invitational @ Johnson City, Tenn.
Jan. 24	@ Clemson
Feb. 7	Sevigne Husker Invitational @ Lincoln, Neb.
Feb. 13-14	Iowa State Invitational @ Ames, Iowa
Feb. 20	Purple Tiger Invitational @ Baton Rouge, La.
Feb. 28-29	SEC Championships @ Lexington, Ky.
March 6	Last Chance @ Ames, Iowa
Mar. 12-13	NCAA Championships @ Fayetteville, Ark.

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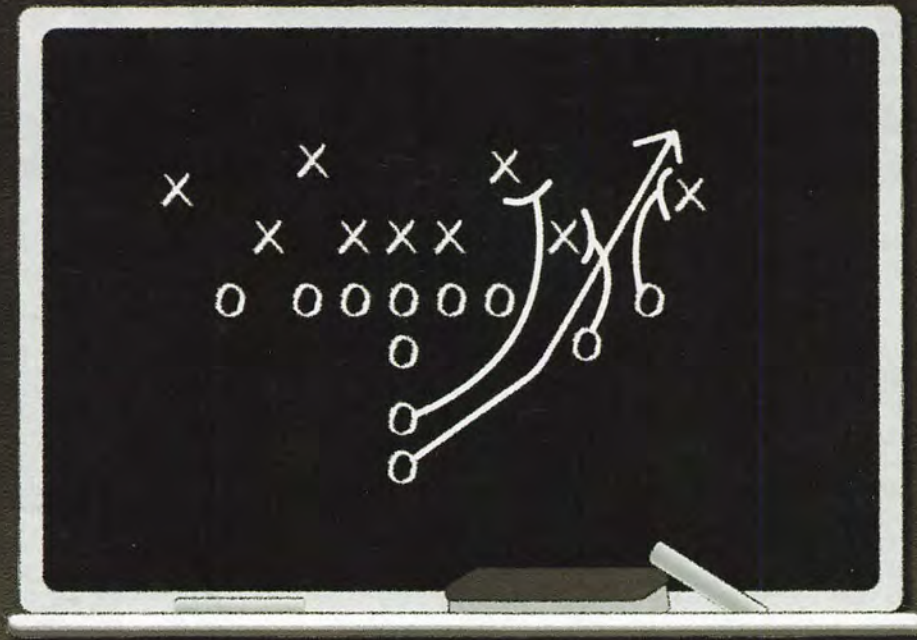
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